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HANKOW MEETINGS.

The Negotiations Not Broken Off.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Many Further Claims To Be Made Against China.

Further news from Hankow confirms the first impression that the negotiations between Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley have not been definitely broken off.

According to the Foreign Secretary many fresh claims in respect of damage to British property in China are expected to be made as a result of the recent disturbances.

HANKOW MEETINGS.

The Negotiations Not Broken Off.

London, Feb. 16. Reuter learns that a good deal of information received during the night from Mr. O'Malley up to the present is incomplete, but it does not appear that the discussions have been definitely broken off.

Mr. O'Malley has asked for instructions with regard to certain points arising out of the Hankow conversations on Feb. 14.

Sir Miles Lampson's opinion is also probably being awaited.

The questions being discussed are complex and important.—Reuter.

BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS.

Foreign Secretary Answers Labour.

London, Feb. 16. Sir Austen Chamberlain was called on to reply to a number of questions in the House of Commons this afternoon concerning China.

He was asked by the Labour leader, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald if the negotiations were still being carried on at Hankow.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that there had been some delay, not for the first time, in the transmission of telegrams from Mr. O'Malley, and he (Sir Austen Chamberlain) did not yet know what was the position.

The telegrams he had received from Mr. O'Malley all related to a telegram which arrived that morning which had not yet been deciphered.

A First Duty. Replying to Commr. Kenworthy (Labour) who asked whether wireless from British ships in Chinese waters could not be used, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he thought that wireless had been and was being used.

Repeating to Mr. Mosley (Labour), who asked under what treaty rights British troops would be landed on Chinese soil, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the right of a State to protect the lives of its nationals abroad did not depend on any treaty provisions.

Sir Austen Chamberlain denied that the landing would be a violation of international law.

Mr. Chu Disavowed. Another question, what would be the effect on the situation due to Mr. Chu's statement at Geneva that he was authorised to speak for the whole of China, elicited a reply from Sir Austen Chamberlain that he was not aware that Mr. Chu's claim was justifiable.

Sir Austen Chamberlain mentioned that after Mr. Chu's "extraordinary outburst" last September when he attacked the British Government and was replied to by Lord Cecil, the Peking Government informed Sir Austen Chamberlain that Mr. Chu was not acting on their instructions.

Repeating to Mr. Mosley, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he had been advised that the permission of the Shanghai Municipal Council was not necessary for the landing of British troops and such had not been requested.—Reuter.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Many More Claims Against China.

London, Feb. 16. Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply to a question, told the House of Commons that a preliminary list of claims in respect of damage to British property in China was filed with the Waijiaoju on

March 13 of last year, but there would probably be many further items arising out of the recent attack and disturbances, including the claims of missionary bodies, mercantile firms and private individuals.

Arms for China.

Responding to another question, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he was aware both parties in China were acquiring military supplies, aircraft and armaments from various European countries and were employing European aviators.

The British Government whenever possible would make representations against breaches of the China arms embargo agreement, but the transactions were carefully disguised, sometimes preventing exact categorical evidence.

Moreover not all the Powers adhere to the embargo agreement, while among the Powers who are party to the agreement there are differences of opinion regarding interpretation.—Reuter.

SITUATION UNCHANGED?

The absence of wireless messages from North and Central China this morning is taken by the local Naval authorities to indicate that the situation is generally unchanged.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Britain Not Seeking War.

London, Feb. 16. "We have no thought of waging war in China or on China," declared Mr. Amery, Secretary for Dominions, in a speech at the Walthamstow Conservative Club, referring to the Government's policy of sending troops to Shanghai.

He said that he was confident that the action contributed to the preservation of peace. The very fact that the men were there would make it unnecessary for them to fire a shot in anger.

It was only because we realised what had happened at Hankow and Kiangsu that troops had been sent to Shanghai.

Business Men Ignored. Sir Alfred Mond speaking at the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chambers of Commerce represented best the business brains of the country but neither on the question of Russia nor on that of China had their representatives been asked to go to the Foreign Office.

Sir Alfred declared that there was no country he knew where the views of business men were so little regarded as at Whitehall. He pleaded for an organised movement by the Chambers of Commerce to spread their views on the Chinese question.—Reuter.

Peking's Premier. Shanghai, Feb. 16. Dr. Wellington Koo is tendering his resignation to Marshal Chang Tso-lin as acting premier of the Peking Cabinet. Marshal Chang is reported to favour Mr. Liang Hsi-yl as the right man to succeed Dr. Koo.—Reuter.

A British case of typhoid from the city district, two Chinese cases of small-pox (one from the city and the other from Kowloon) were notified to the Medical Officer of Health on Wednesday.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/9 1/4.

CANTON VICTORY.

Pushing On Towards Shanghai?

STILL OVER 100 MILES AWAY.

Shanghai, Feb. 17. It seems certain that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has suffered a major reverse in Chekiang province and has been pushed back to close on Hangchow.

Reliable quarters report that the Nationalists appeared at various points within eighteen miles south-west of Hangchow.

The bulk of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's forces are apparently drawn up westwards of Hangchow for a last stand.—Reuter.

100 Miles from Shanghai.

Chinese cables to hand confirm the victory (and advance of the Cantonese).

Hangchow is about 100 miles or so from Shanghai, to which it is connected by railway. It is

RUGBY WIRELESS NEWS.

Owing to bad atmospheric conditions no Rugby wireless news was received in Hong Kong last night or this morning.

The main base of the Northern forces opposing the Nationalists in Chekiang province.

[Note: Recent troop movements mentioned in the Naval wireless are not connected with the war in this sector. Below Hangchow, the troops are manoeuvring for position on the opposite bank of the Yangtze, much higher up than Shanghai. Above Hangchow, the troops are concerned with the Nationalist control of the west of Hunan province, and on the Szechuan (Yang Sen's) border.]

Peace Rumour Discounted.

About the offensive on Hangchow, a triangular message states that the Northern (Sun Chuan-fang's) two wings have been pushed back but that his centre is still holding out.

The centre and one wing of the Cantonese forces have joined hands and are advancing.

There has been nothing further about the possibility of General Chang Kai-shek and Marshal Chang Tso-lin joining hands to share the rule of the country in halves (as stated in one cable). Considerable interest.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail" fourth Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Three competitors tied for first place, with only two errors each.

has been aroused over this rumour but it is unlikely to materialise as the conflicting interests are much too opposed in views for the basis of a working agreement to be arrived at.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Southern Offensive Develops.

Shanghai, Feb. 16. The "Yen" indications of a somewhat rapid and unexpected development in the military situation in Chekiang. The Southern forces claim to have captured Chuchow, forty-five miles south-west of Hangchow.

Well-informed quarters here believe this report, and also that a Southern offensive is developing in the same region.—Reuter.

Spreading to Ningpo.

Shanghai, Feb. 16. All steamers plying between Ningpo and Shanghai, it is reported at Hangchow, suspended their scheduled running on the 16th inst. It is believed that the fighting in Chekiang is spreading to Ningpo.—Reuter.

Support For Marshal Feng.

Shanghai, Feb. 16. The Kuomintang Headquarters at Wuchang are determined to support Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang to the extent of \$500,000 and a large quantity of ammunition for him. They are expected to have from Shanghai.—Reuter.

SEDITIONOUS CHARGES.

Defendant Argues With Magistrate.

STATUS OF SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT.

Union Chairman Writes Letters.

The status of the International Settlement at Shanghai, the duties of officials of the Chinese Seamen's Union and British Imperialism formed the subjects of the forty-minute arguments between one of three defendants at the Central Magistrate's this morning.

The case, before R. E. Lindsell was that in which three Chinese were charged under the Ordinance of 1923 with possessing and uttering seditious literature.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

At the commencement of the hearing Mr. Lindsell said that he desired to make a public statement. He had received a letter signed by a man claiming to be the Chairman of the Chinese Seamen's Union. He mentioned the fact in public in view of the gross impropriety of the procedure.

Mr. King: I may say that the Secretary for Chinese Affairs has received a similar letter.

Addressing his Worship, Mr. King said that at 10.55 on February 11, Sgt. Goodwin of the Water Police and a party of Chinese detectives were on ordinary search duty on board the s.s. "President Taft." In due course they visited the crew's quarters, where they found about twenty men in one room. The three defendants were at a table, whilst the third, was standing up speaking. Books were scattered about the place and two despatch cases were on a form.

A Chinese detective, reading the first page of one of the books advised the Sergeant that it was seditious matter and Sgt. Goodwin ordered the three men to accompany him to the Water Police Station. They were subsequently transferred to the Central Station, where they were charged.

Two Chinese lunkongs and Sgt. Goodwin corroborated Mr. King's statement.

All three of the accused admitted that the evidence was "substantially correct."

In reply to Mr. King, Sgt. Goodwin said that he arrested the three defendants because all other men in the room were dressed in the uniform of the ship's "boys."

The third defendant said that he was not speaking on the matter contained in the book.

Mr. Lindsell: The whole essence of the charge is that you had the books in your possession. There's nothing else to it. That is why you were arrested, and for no other reason.

His Worship said that there was no doubt in his mind that the books were calculated to throw contempt upon the British; they were undoubtedly seditious within the meaning of the Ordinance.

Argument With The Magistrate. The third defendant said that the Police examined all books that were taken across the harbour.

His Worship: Perhaps previous issues of the book did not contain seditious matter.

3rd Defendant: I have had these books for ten days.

His Worship: You were not caught.

Mr. King observed that the books had been printed in Canton. In reply to his Worship, the 1st defendant said that he went on board the "President Taft" for the purpose of issuing new membership certificates. He availed himself of the opportunity for distributing the books.

His Worship: Do you deny that you yourself have read it?—Yes.

His Worship: You, a member of the Union, ought to be careful, have not read its publication. No, I have been very busy lately.

Not Calm.

The third defendant said that he had read the books. As a matter of fact the article had already been printed and published in Shanghai. The object of the book was to hope that the British would stop using arms when dealing with the Chinese. If they did so it would cause reaction on the part of the Chinese.

The article in question was received from Hankow for publication in Hong Kong. The facts in defendant's opinion, were true. The book was produced for distribution among members of the Chinese Seamen's Union. It was not seditious against the British. Mr. Lindsell: Do you consider these statements are not seditious?—No, I do not. I do not think they are seditious against the British.

Status of Shanghai.

Mr. Lindsell: You published it. It was my duty to distribute it.

Mr. Lindsell: Regardless of the law of Hong Kong?—I have handled similar books in Shanghai and nothing has happened.

Mr. Lindsell: Shanghai is not British territory. It is under British control.

Mr. Lindsell: Nothing of the sort. The accused said that he saw nothing extremist in the book.

Mr. Lindsell: It is perfectly obvious that the sole purpose of the article was to stir up feeling against the British Government. I have only been in Hong Kong for eight days.

The defendant said that he would like to have the Chairman of the Union brought into Court to give evidence on his behalf.

His Worship adjourned the case until noon to-morrow.

The translation of the first extract produced in Court, read as follows:—

Our Seamen Members:—You should know all these—The Imperialists have to rely on you for transporting arms and ammunition to massacre our Chinese masses.

The Imperialists have to depend on you for transporting goods for the economic victimisation of China.

The Imperialists have to depend on you for transporting opium and other poisons to cause harm to the Chinese masses.

The Imperialists have to depend on you for carrying money away from China.

Our Seamen Members: How great your responsibility is! We should all wake up and make an effort to overthrow imperialism. Dated 7th January, 1927.

The second document read as follows:—

Communique by the Kiangsu sub-branch of the Branch (Chinese Seamen's) Union in Hankow, on the massacre of their members by the British at Kiangsu.

The British Imperialists who are the most prosperous of all imperialists, have forced China by power and by fraud to enter into different kinds of Anglo-Chinese unequal treaties. They have also made use of military power to protect the special political privileges they have obtained, and have enforced the most terrible and wicked policy of economic victimisation which is a fatal blow on China.

Having an excessive production of merchandise, they have made every endeavour to seize territories in China, so that they can invest their capital there and monopolize all kinds of trade.

They have also made use of their gun-boats to protect British navigation in all rivers in China, thus usurping the privileges of the Chinese and have further helped the Chinese civil war. It is a fact that the British Imperialists have utilized the military movement to suppress the Chinese racial movement so that they can continue Chinese forever, and the Chinese militarists have been willing to be the tame dogs of the Imperialists. They have conspired with them to do evil and have been obedient to their directions.

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THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for all local districts is as follows: N.E. winds, strong, overcast, rain.

At 11 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:

Pressure has increased considerably from S.W. Japan to S. Manchuria, moderately from the coast to N.E. China, and slightly over the Philippines. Meteorological observations at Hong Kong: Barometer 29.8, thermometer 82, humidity 88, wind S.W. 10, weather clear.

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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February to SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

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By Order of the Board.
C. G. COPLEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1927.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, F. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
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Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hong Kong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 7th day of March, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd to MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.
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Nab, from Osaka.
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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, Feb. 10, 1927.

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By Order
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1927.

MOUSTACHES.

INQUIRY INTO A TICKLISH PROBLEM.

WHY MEN WEAR THEM.

Why do men wear moustaches? They are, without a doubt rapidly going out of fashion, possibly because the Prince of Wales is clean shaven, and in a short time it seems as though only army officers will fall to shave their upper lip (writes Charles Graves in the London "Weekly Dispatch").

That will be a swing of the pendulum back to the days when "for a civilian to wear moustaches is unseemly swagger," and Clive Newcombe was asked rudely by his friends, for that reason, whether he was going into the Guards.

The modern moustache, we are told, dates back only to 1798, when certain officers in the Worcester Militia copied the Austrian mercenaries. The possibility of moustache-growing, however, is always before us. Should we, or shouldn't we? It is a ticklish problem.

Political Upper Lips.
Let us look round. Prince Henry wears a moustache. But he is a soldier. Prince George does not. But he is a sailor, and, as is well known, officers in the army are expected to grow moustaches and officers in the navy are forbidden to.

Politicians can do as they choose. At the moment most of our lords and masters are clean shaven—Mr. Baldwin, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Austen Chamberlain, and Mr. Churchill, for example.

In the Social Government, however, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. J. H. Thomas, and a number of other Ministers, wear moustaches. Before them Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George were, of like persuasion.

Doctors are almost invariably clean-shaven as also are actors, sailors, clerks, hunters, and jockeys. Clearly there is no general guiding line.

Once upon a time—in the civil wars—moustaches had a political significance. The Puritans never wore them and the Cavaliers did. Even in 250 years later there is latent at the back of everybody's mind the feeling that a man with a moustache has, somehow, more dash and more buoyancy, while his clean-shaven rival is more dogged and painstaking. That is a serious consideration.

On the whole, people in these days of restricted liberty seem to tend more and more to the latter qualities. There is little chance nowadays of being gallant or debonaire. There is every reason to be serious and conscientious.

Various points arise. Are moustaches the last physical relic of aristocracy? Are they, moreover, the last male attribute, akin to the cock's comb, that points to his superiority over women? Or are they merely an anachronism, and a rather unhygienic one at that?

There is no space to discuss them all. The simplest course is to tabulate the various types of moustache and what they stand for, and follow with a general inquiry into the reasons for wearing them.

An Exclusive Design.
The young gentlemen in the Brigade of Guards have, of course, developed a moustache of their own. It is a horizontal weeper, long and smooth, not for such as us to wear. The heavy cavalry moustache, a gruff growth, disappeared with the death of Lord French. It was the type of moustache that was always getting in the way.

Then there are the magnificent cavalier moustaches of Mr. William Bruce and Colonel the Hon. Charles Coventry, the official starter to the Jockey Club, who has already crowded into his life more adventures than half a dozen men in the French Foreign Legion put together. Their moustaches are a gesture, however, and gestures need cultivating. Besides, you have to be what is known as a really fine figure of a man before you can live up to them.

The Kaiser moustache, sometimes known as the "lip-pinnacle" or "rectangular moustache," is, frankly a fine-looking affair, and now that dachshunds are once more coming back into favour its Germanophile connections do not matter. It denotes consent in the wearer, however, that few people would care to be burdened with.

Then there is the waxed moustache, as formerly worn by missionaries, railway porters, and company-sergeant-majors. It was never attractive and needs far too much attention to be practical.

Four Good Reasons.
Again the Charlie Chaplin moustache worn by young subalterns is frankly ridiculous and its claims cannot be taken seriously. We are left with the modified tooth-brush variety. This is neither so small as the Brigade moustache, nor so conceited as the Kaiser moustache, nor so drooping as the heavy cavalry moustache, nor waxed like the commissaire's. Shall we wear one? The answer is "yes" if

(a) We are self-conscious.
(b) We want to hide a scar.
(c) We have too long upper lips.
(d) We want to look older.

Each of these is an excellent reason for growing a moustache. Many people do not know what to do with their hands when they enter a crowded room or are waiting for someone to speak with them. A quiet fluffing of the moustache on such occasions no doubt restores confidence in the wearer's virility and calms embarrassment. A moustache also without doubt conceals part of the face and makes one look older.

A curious point, however, which has never been explained scientifically, is the extraordinary number of people with perfectly ordinary dark, mouse-coloured or fair hair whose moustaches, if encouraged, turn out disconcertingly enough to be a foolish bristly pink. This is especially the case when the wearers have florid complexions.

On such occasions, of course, there is no excuse, whatever for such growth unless military etiquette demands it.

Incidentally, of course, this gives further colour to the cock's comb theory, which, when you look into it, seems to supply the likeliest reason for such a curious survival from the days when nature supplied men with hair all over until they were civilised enough to learn how to dress skins and generally behave themselves in a decent sort of way.

Altogether, though the decision for or against a moustache is a difficult problem, our actions are, oddly enough, dictated by our womenfolk, and we have no say whatever, either way. After all, it is a matter that touches them very closely.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.
February 16, 1927.

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GIRL CLAIMS \$23,000.
An unusual case was heard in the Court Session at Edinburgh, when Doris Drysdale, 16, who was adopted within an hour of her birth and brought up in ignorance of her parentage, claimed, under Scottish law, a third of her father's \$100,000 estate, all of which was bequeathed to her mother.

Plaintiff explained that her parents were married in 1914, thereby legitimatising her, but both the marriage and her birth were undisclosed to her father's relatives.

The girl's mother said that the only dispute was as to the sum available. Her daughter's share should not exceed \$12,000.

The judge deferred his decision pending an interview with the girl.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1927. CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1926 1927
Tytam 391' 10" 391' 10"
Tytam Byewash 238' 3" 238' 3"
Tytam Intermediate 377' 7" Level
Tytam Tuk 237' 3" 237' 3"
Wong Nai Chung 252' 6" 252' 6"
Pokfulam 194' 4" 194' 4"
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow".]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1926 1927
Tytam 151.95 250.44
Tytam Byewash 20.89 5.89
Tytam Intermediate 46.80 195.90
Tytam Tuk 804.50 813.42
Wong Nai Chung 6.66 10.61
Pokfulam 25.68 21.75

Total 1,017.80 1,408.71
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January:—

1926 1927
Consumption 218.40 223.94
Estimated Population 368,160 408,486
per day (gallons) 17.6 17.9
Intermittent supply in all rider main districts during January, 1926.

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts west of Eastern Street from January 1-30 inclusive.

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts west of Garden Road from January 1-30 inclusive.

Full supply in all districts on January 31.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.
1926 1927
Kowloon Gravitation 242' 10" 242' 10"
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 182' 3" 182' 3"
Reception Reservoir Level
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1926 1927
Kowloon Gravitation 147.98 217.24
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 52.70 95.71
Reception Reservoir 33.15

Total 200.74 346.10
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

1926 1927
Consumption 703.7 75.92
Estimated population 158,820 188,560
per day (gallons) 14.7 15.4
Full supply in all districts during January 1926 and 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

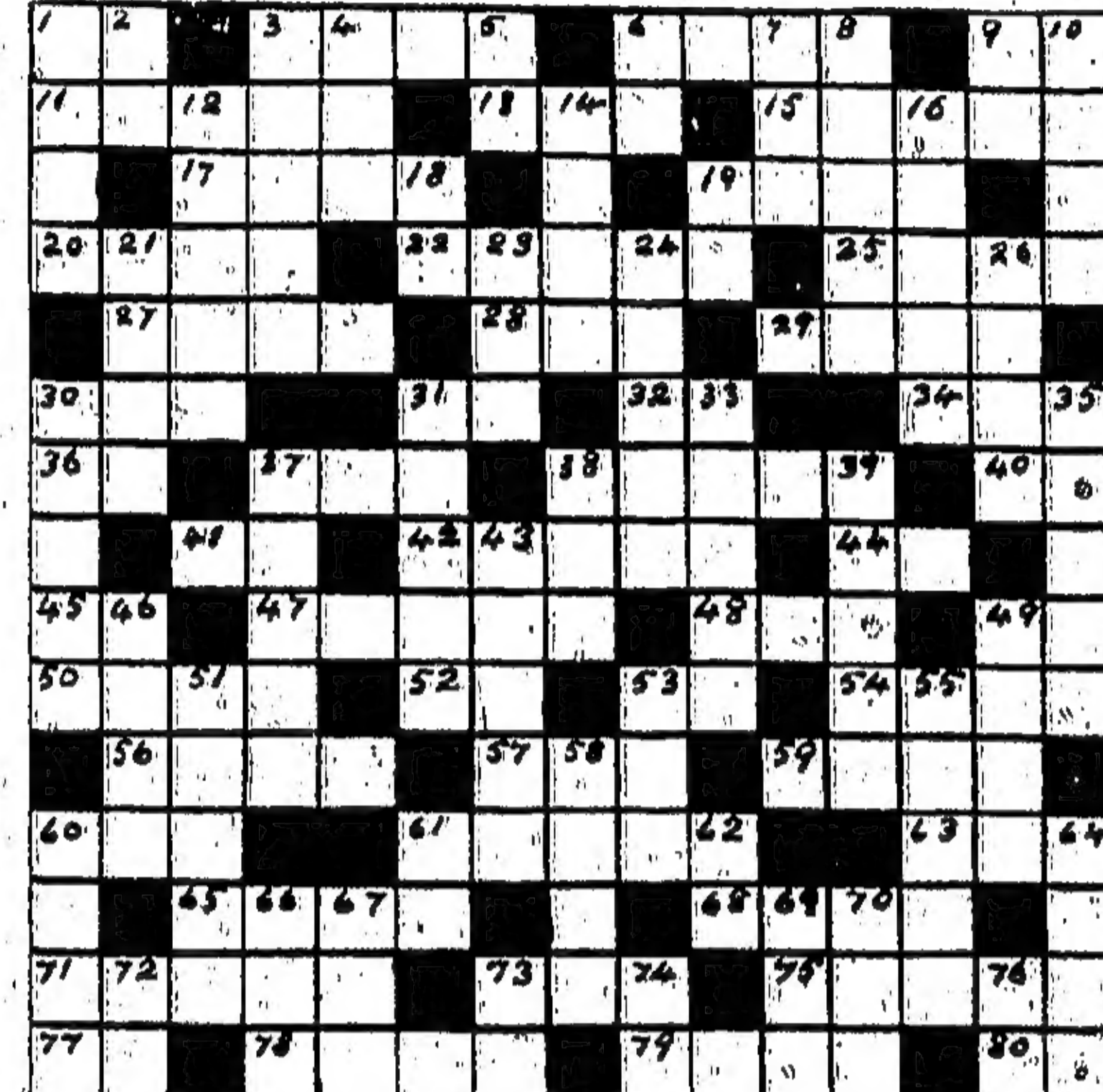
Total rainfall to January 31, 1926, 0.22; January 31, 1927, 0.31.

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TANGO MARU Friday, 18th February.

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DOCK STRIKE.

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THE TROUBLE AT COLOMBO.

Colombo, Jan. 28.
"It is a purely economic strike, and the men are willing to resume work as soon as they are promised to be paid Rs. 1.87 per head per day, according to the agreement arrived at after the 1923 strike," was the statement made by Mr. A. E. Goonesinghe, the President of the local Labour Union, referring to yesterday's strike in the Colombo Dock Yard, where about 4,000 to 5,000 men downed tools. The men had been paid Rs. 1.50, and are holding out for Rs. 1.87.
Continuing, Mr. Goonesinghe said that on January 10, 50 men under Mr. S. Fernando, labour contractor to Messrs. Volkart Bros.,

COLOMBO STRIKE.

Vessels Advised Not To Call.

CRANE MEN NOW OUT.

Colombo, Feb. 16.
The harbour strike is spreading. The crane men have now struck, and trade is considerably affected. Several steamers have been advised not to call at Colombo and others are leaving without loading part of their cargo.—Register.

and Messrs. Aitken, Spence, struck work owing to unsatisfactory wages. On a complaint from the men, Mr. Goonesinghe made representations to Mr. Fernando, but they were of no avail. Mr. Fernando, in his turn, prosecuted six of those who had struck work in the Colombo Police Court, for alleged misconduct. "Yesterday's strike," Mr. Goonesinghe said, "was but an outcome of the prosecutions in the Police Court and the unsatisfactory payment."

Mr. Goonesinghe addressed the strikers in the Gordon Gardens this morning and appealed to them to refrain from using violence. A conference has been arranged between Mr. Goonesinghe and the labour contractors to take place this afternoon, when it is hoped to arrive at a satisfactory agreement between the strikers and the contractors.

Provisional Agreement Reached.

Colombo, Jan. 31.

The strike of dockyard workers has been called off and the men have resumed work this morning. A conference was held yesterday at the offices of the Ceylon Warfage Co., Ltd., at which were present Mr. W. Y. Fleming, Mr. J. Cosmas, Mr. H. P. Cosmas, Mr. A. Zarapha and Mr. A. E. Goonesinghe. Mr. C. H. Z. Fernando was also present, being invited by both the parties. The demands put forward by the workers were discussed.

It was pointed out at the conference that the wages paid by the various sub-contractors varied considerably. The conference agreed that a uniform rate should be fixed, the minimum wages of a stevedore being fixed at Rs. 1.50 per day and Rs. 1.75 for the night.
Mr. Goonesinghe demanded that the Company should undertake to meet all medical and sustenance expenses in the event of an accident to the workmen, should compensate, in case the man was incapacitated, to the extent of Rs. 250, and should undertake to pay Rs. 300 to the nearest relative of a workman who died from an accident while engaged in his work.

"SUNNING" PIRACY CHARGE.

Further evidence for the prosecution in the case against the two remaining "Sunning" piracy suspects was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, conducting the case for the Crown, called two tallmen and a quartermaster, all of the "Sunning." The tallmen identified the defendants as having participated in the piracy, but the quartermaster, who was at the wheel at the time of the attack, said that he could not be certain in regard to the last accused.

The case was again adjourned.

QUARANTINE.

The Canton Harbour Master notified on Feb. 10:—
"With reference to Harbour Notification No. 1 of 1927, notice is hereby given that the declaration of infection against vessels arriving (at Canton) from Haiphong has been withdrawn, and that the medical inspection of vessels arriving therefrom is discontinued."

CANTON STRIKE.

CARGO JUNKS v. MOTOR BOATS.

Nothing further has been heard with regard to the strike of the Transport Union (cargo boatmen) at Canton except that Hong Kong is not affected and goods can still be shipped to and from.

The following version of the origin of the trouble is given by the "Canton Gazette":—
One man was slightly injured on Monday in a fight between the crew of a motor boat and a junk at the waterfront near the Chang Shun Wharf, West Bund. It appears that the motor boat, which was crossing the river from Honan, collided with a junk and the bows of both junk and motor boat were damaged. This led to altercation, and from words the rival crews went to blows; knives and revolvers were also used. The police intervened to prevent further serious developments and ultimately the coxswain of the motor boat and the junk owner were arrested and taken to the police station. The injured man was sent to hospital.

Later, The Transport Union strike has been completely settled.—Wah Tsz Yat Po.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

First-class passengers on the "President McKinley" sailed from Hong Kong for Shanghai, Seattle and ports on Feb. 16 were:—Miss H. Lau, Mr. A. H. Bishop, Mr. Tsang Chun-hung, Mrs. H. H. Kung, Mr. H. Stevens, Mr. G. T. Trawartha, Mrs. J. L. Stephens, Mr. Teruchi, Mr. L. Labson, Mr. Jose Moon Poy, Mr. Ng Lung-goey, Mrs. Wong Shee, Mr. Lee Sun, Mrs. M. E. Becker, Master G. W. Becker, Mrs. J. E. Budd, Miss C. Doldine, Mrs. J. E. Dow, Mrs. W. L. Harding, Mrs. J. P. Howare, Mrs. J. W. Korracher, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Miss F. Purdy, Mrs. G. Dean, Mr. B. H. Lydon, Mrs. A. M. Eames, Mrs. C. W. Ewald, Master J. W. Ewald, Miss F. W. Ewald, Mr. J. Van Lanting, Mr. H. Lind, Mrs. B. Lauritzen, Mr. J. J. Meskus, Mr. A. Mendoza, Mrs. B. Russell, Mrs. E. Salzman, Miss F. Salzman, Mrs. J. E. Stramper, Mr. E. Van Hoot, Mrs. H. Van Hoot, Mrs. E. Waller, Miss E. L. Welsh, Bishop and Mrs. H. Welsh, Mrs. H. Jean Zern, Mr. A. Moreau, Mrs. V. L. Venn, Miss V. Venn, Venn Lt.-Com. and Mrs. E. M. Woodson, Miss M. F. Woodson, Master W. H. Woodson.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hong Kong on Jan. 26, arrived at Vancouver on Feb. 13.
The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left Shanghai for this port on Feb. 15, at 10.30 a.m., and is due here tomorrow, at about 6 a.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 15, at 3.30 p.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here tomorrow, at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nyansa" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 12, at 6 p.m., and is due here on Feb. 19, at about 6 a.m.
The B. I. s.s. "Tama" will leave Amoy for this port on Feb. 19, p.m., and is due here on Feb. 20, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here on Feb. 25.
The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on Jan. 25, and is due here on or about March 2.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 71 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, 30 flying the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day the number of arrivals was 21 and departures 15.

HARBOUR OFFENCE.

For causing an obstruction in the harbour by going abreast of two other launches alongside the s.s. "Tikembang," the master of the s.s. "Kwong Chow" was fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.

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PASSPORT LAWS.

CHARGE AGAINST CIRCUS PERFORMERS.

The case against John and Steve Floris, two American circus performers, charged with being in the Colony without passports, was again before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, prosecuted on behalf of the Police, and Mr. F. G. Vaux defended the two men.

Addressing the Magistrate, Mr. Vaux said that the family consisted of fifteen, including several children. His clients' difficulty was to make satisfactory arrangements for the entire family to move at once. One son was in Manila fetching their passports, and would be back in the Colony in a few days.

By trade circus performers, their baggage was voluminous, comprising over twenty heavy trunks and a motor-car. The latter was under repair and he, Mr. Vaux, had seen a letter from a garage stating that it would not be ready until the end of the month, the cylinder head having cracked.

Further Time.

Continuing, Mr. Vaux said that with a view to gaining further time from the Police, his clients were prepared to offer a further \$100 security and also to pledge their car. They wished to travel as a whole troop, but expenses were heavy and arrangements had to be made.

What they wished to do was to go to Java, where they understood that prospects were good. An N.Y.K. boat was leaving on March 10, and negotiations for passages for the entire family were being made.

In conclusion, Mr. Vaux said that he would ask his Worship to allow the men the longest possible time in which to make arrangements. They were quite prepared to leave the Colony, but wanted further time.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. King said that he did not wish to appear in any way unreasonable, but it seemed to him that the position to-day was the same as it was when the men were first brought before the Court—they were "making arrangements." He, Mr. King, would certainly oppose their being allowed to remain in the Colony without passports until March 10, and would suggest a week's remand and then, if passages were not forthcoming, he would press for a conviction and the expulsion of the defendants.

Mr. Schofield agreed to Mr. King's proposal, remanding the defendants until next Thursday, bail being allowed in the sum of \$150 each as previously.

MAN WHO CAME BACK.

"He was banished in 1923 for blackmailing women and generally making himself a nuisance in certain houses," said Sub. Insp. Vincent to Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning when charging a Chinese with returning from banishment. His Worship sent the man to jail for six months.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
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MANUUA	10,902	2nd March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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KHYBER	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	9,314	8th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,155	10th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,941	12th April	Marseilles & London
NELLORE	8,863	14th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	16th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	18th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MORHA	10,913	20th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	22nd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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GAMBHIRA	5,257	24th Feb.	Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	5,549	8th March	Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,010	12th March	Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	15th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,257	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,941	1st April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	9,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
JEYPORE	7,848	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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KHIVA	9,135	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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HOPES OF EXPANSION OF TRADE.

In their annual "Steam Ship Circular," just issued, Messrs. H. E. Moss and Co., write: "In reviewing the year which has just closed, we have to record that it has proved a very disappointing one. It opened with every indication of an improvement taking place in the trade of the country—when, like a flash, on May 3 the General Strike was declared and paralysed almost every industry. This strike, thanks to the firm attitude of the Government and the loyalty and commonsense of the people, terminated within a fortnight but the coal stoppage, the original cause of the General Strike, continued for seven months, causing thereby immense havoc and loss of trade to the country. Many owners of tramp tonnage benefited by the employment given to vessels in carrying coal from the near Continental ports, and still more from the United States, and excellent profits were realised by some of them; but general trade suffered enormously, and millions of sterling went out of the country to Germany, Holland and the United States, it being stated early in November, on credible authority, that the coal stoppage to date had already cost this country exceeding 250 million sterling.

Improved values.

"As a result of the increased employment, of tonnage for the transport of foreign coal to United Kingdom ports, values undoubtedly improved during the last three months. In the early part of the year 'tween deck steamers of 8,000 tons d.w., about eight years old, were reported sold for as low as \$32,000, but to-day such steamers could not be obtained for less than \$40,42,000, and many owners are asking even higher figures. On the other hand, steamers building of this description were sold in February last for about 29 per cent on the d.w., whereas at the end of October similar vessels building were sold at 28 per cent on the d.w. A good many orders for new tonnage have, however, been placed during the last three months, and as many further inquiries are being made builders are looking forward to an improved condition of things in the near future, and prices for new tonnage are certain to go higher.

Optimism.

"A great impetus to the ship-building trade has been given by the large number of orders for tank steamers placed during the last three months—over 50 such vessels, mostly with Diesel machinery, having been contracted for with British builders alone, principally to the order of the big oil corporations. This factor clearly indicates that an enormous increase is expected to take place in the near future in the imports of both fuel oil and motor spirit.

"We do not anticipate any boom, but we do look for a steady expansion of trade. In the New Year, which justifies the shipowner in regarding the near future with optimism. There is a huge American cotton crop to be moved and the harvests of the world are reported to be excellent. Given industrial peace and mutual confidence between employer and employee, we believe the year 1927 will prove a brighter and more profitable one for shipowners than they have experienced for several years."

Rotterdam dockers have decided to start a new campaign for higher wages, a holiday and a pension.

GERMAN SHIPPING.

FRESH LIGHT ON THE NEW
COMBINATION.

EFFECT ON HAMBURG.

The amalgamation of the Hamburg-American Line and the Deutsch-Austral and Kosmos Lines, which is regarded as the most important event in German shipping since the World War, increases the Hamburg-American Line to 879,000 gross tons, as compared with a pre-war tonnage of 1,001,865.

Puts Hamburg in Lead.
If the fusion had not taken place, Bremen would have had the largest German shipping company, the North German Lloyd, within its walls—a commercial advantage of inestimable value. Such a development would have diminished Hamburg's prestige in the shipping world. The Hamburg business community, therefore, particularly welcomed the combine, as the fleets incorporated with the Hamburg-American Line are to remain in that city and the Hamburg-American Line regains first place in the rank of German shipping companies.

The present tonnage status of leading German shipping lines, as a result of this fusion, is shown in the following table:

Gross Tonnage of Leading German Shipping Companies.	1918	1926
Hamburg-American Line	1,001,865	879,000
North German Lloyd	815,535	613,000
Hansa Line	309,681	181,173
Hamburg-South American Line	267,842	100,500
Woolwarth Line	112,933	44,220
African Line	104,549	44,482

The pre-war tonnage superiority of the Hamburg-American Line over the North German Lloyd is thus seen to have been firmly re-established by this action.

Dispute Ends in Fusion.

The idea of an amalgamation of the Hamburg-American Line with the Deutsch-Austral and Kosmos Lines arose out of the dispute between the two companies in consequence of the purchase of the Stinnes fleet by the Deutsch-Austral Line. At the time of the purchase, an agreement was in existence between the Hamburg-American, the Deutsch-Austral and Kosmos Lines, and the Holland not to compete with each other on specified routes. This agreement extended also to steamship lines the majority of whose shares were in the hands of the companies which were parties to the agreement.

When the Stinnes Lines were taken over by the Deutsch-Austral Lines, several of their steamers were competing with the Hamburg-American Line in the East Asiatic trade in violation of the conference agreement. The Hamburg-American Line hereupon filed suit against the Deutsch-Austral-Kosmos Lines, but the court of the first instance decided in favour of the Deutsch-Austral Line, permitting the continuation of the East Asiatic service of the Stinnes Lines, which was in direct competition with the Hamburg-American Line. The case was subsequently settled out of court by the amalgamation, which was strongly supported by the Darmstaedter and National Bank of Germany, a heavy shareholder in the companies.

Hapag Reaps Benefit.

The amalgamation of the two large shipping companies will greatly strengthen the position of the Hamburg-American Line in world shipping, according to Mr. Thomas H. Bevan, American Consul in Hamburg. Competition between the various lines in the conference will be immediately eradicated, thus releasing a considerable number of steamers for opening up new trade routes.

Ships Old and New.

The vessels of the Deutsch-Austral-Kosmos Lines are all modern ships of an average of 6,000 gross registered tons, a large number of them being less than five years old. Of the Stinnes ships, fourteen are under five years old; one over five years; six over ten years, and four over twenty years old. The vessels of the Deutsch-Austral and Kosmos Lines are comparatively new. They bring to the Hamburg-American Line twenty years; and one over twenty are six motor vessels, built between 1922 and 1926, and less than five

years old; one over five years; seven over ten years; two over twenty years; and one over twenty-five years old. The Hamburg-American Line itself owns twenty-three steamers and six motor ships under five years old; sixteen steamers and two motor ships over five years old; eleven steamers over ten years; six ships over twenty years; and one over twenty-five years old. It is, therefore, to be seen that more than half the vessels united under the Hamburg-American Line are less than five years old, and that almost one-quarter of the fleet is less than ten years old, so that the Hamburg-American Line enters the field with a most modern fleet that is excellently equipped to compete successfully in the world's shipping trade.

CANADA SHIPPING ACT.

It is reported that shipping interests at Montreal and Toronto are pressing for two important amendments to the Canada Shipping Act. According to the "Gazette" (Montreal), the first amendment sought is that the power to suspend the coasting regulations by Order in Council should be abolished. The association points out that the practice used to be that the coasting regulations could not be suspended except by an Act of Parliament. Only in recent years has suspension by Order in Council been possible. The association desires an amendment restoring the former practice.

The second amendment relates to an alleged evasion of the coasting regulations by United States vessels changing cargoes in an American port. It appears that a good deal of grain is carried from the head of the lakes to Buffalo in United States ships, is there transferred to other United States vessels, and then carried to Montreal. The Marine Association considers this an infringement of the regulations, and an amendment is sought making the trip from the head of the lakes to Montreal, or any other similar trip one voyage, notwithstanding a change at an intermediate American port. If such an amendment was put through, it would exclude United States ships from this traffic.

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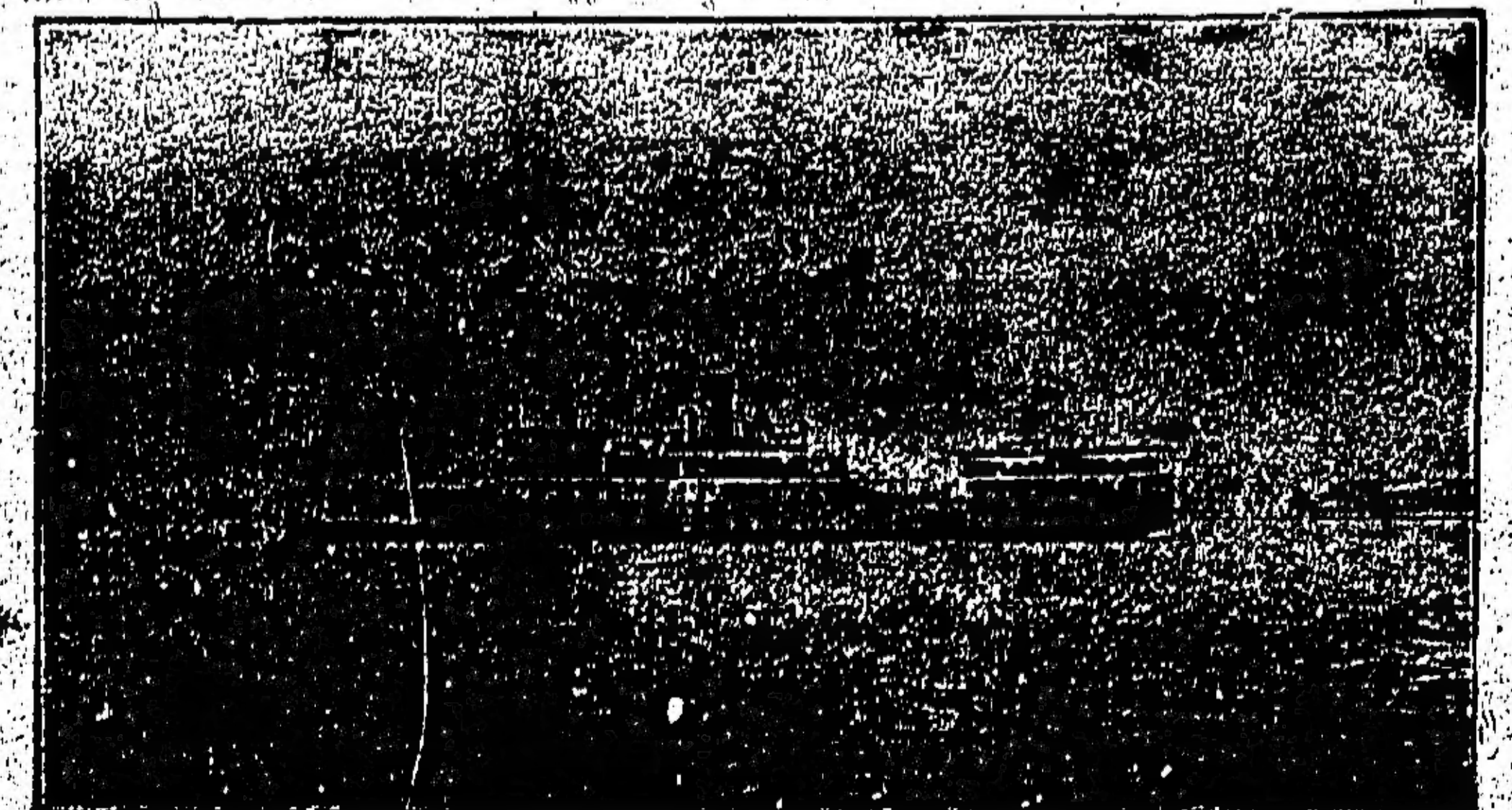
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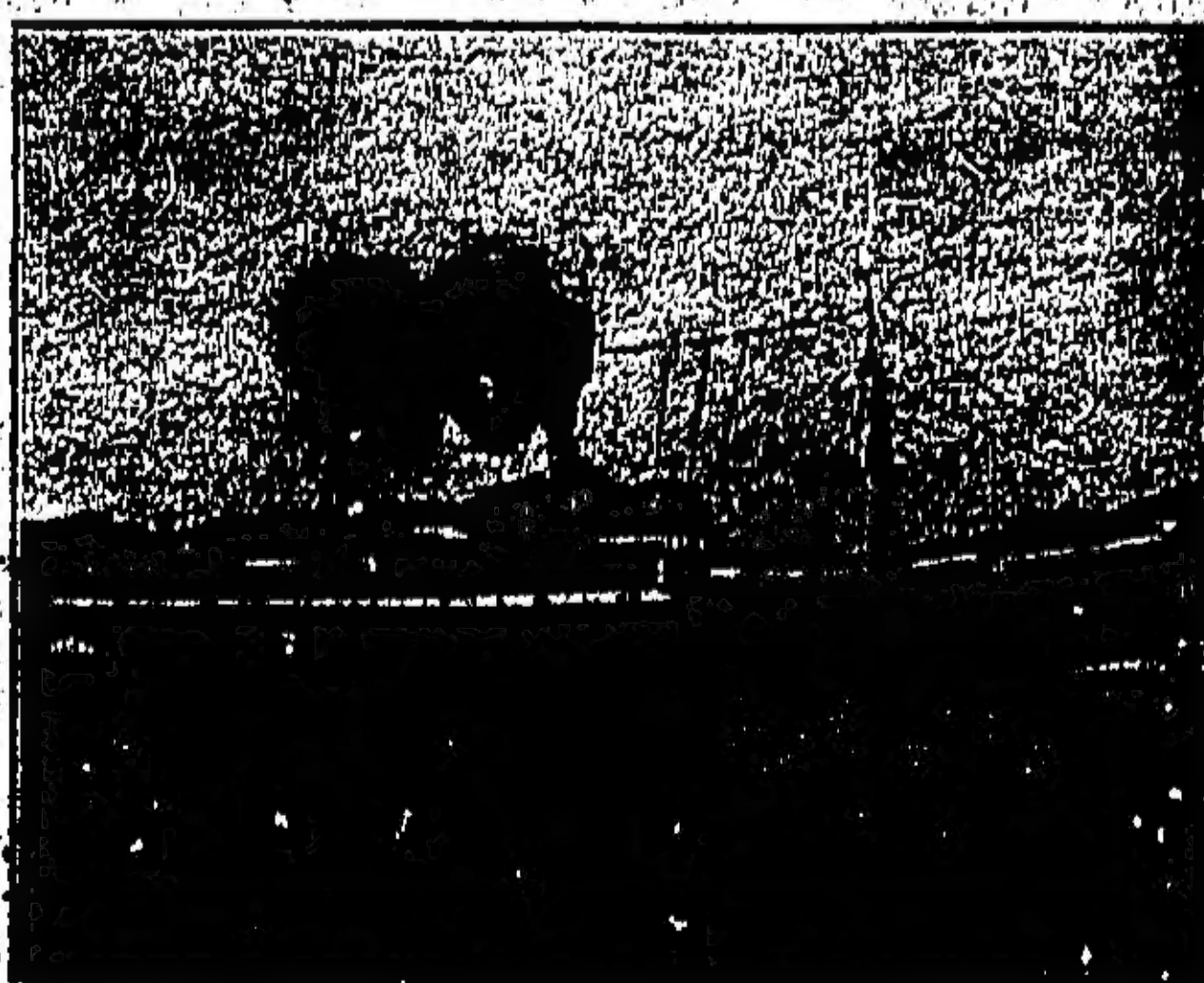
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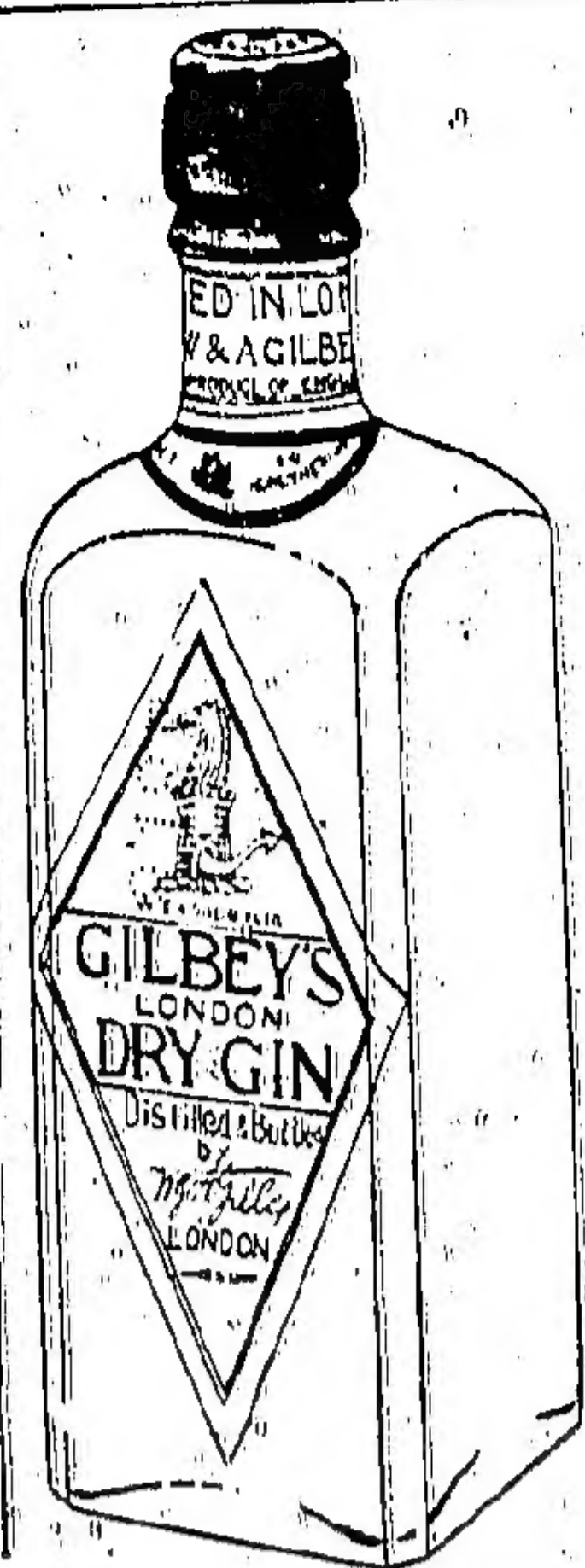
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GOVERNOR ON HEALTH.

Following in the wake of our articles on the Kowloon Tong "plague spot" and the Public Health Week to be inaugurated at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, His Excellency the Governor dwelt on the same problem last night at the annual dinner of the Hong Kong Branch of the British Medical Association.

His Excellency adopted a dual role—that of an apologist and counsel for the defence. He made much—very much—of the note in Canton's eye which he made to serve as an excuse for the beam in Hong Kong's eye in regard to public health problems. His plain statement that the Hong Kong Government is keenly alive to the necessity of protecting both the public health of the Colony and of setting a good example to our neighbours in Canton is cheering in spite of depressing circumstances to the contrary. Moreover, it is a paraphrase of the Colonial Secretary's reference in his Budget Speech last October to the effect that "the Government has considered it necessary to make a considerable increase in the personnel of the Medical Department in order to safeguard effectively the all-important question of public health." The inferential claim that the Government does possess a "conscience" in regard to the health of the community may not be altogether substantiated by its persistence in its decision to rebuild the Government Civil Hospital on an adjoining site in the overcrowded, noisy, and insanitary Chinese quarter. Nor does the claim carry one any

further when merely spasmodic efforts so far have been made to combat malaria, in regard to which a prominent malarial officer from Singapore states that this Colony is three years behind the times. And still less can that claim impress when no means can be constructed at Kowloon Tong without the Sanitary Board being cognisant of their existence until allegations are made of a serious menace to the health of that particular area. As a banker prefers cash to promises to reduce or eliminate an overdraft, so does the community prefer to see concrete action taken by the Government in regard to public health in preference to apologies and defensive statements. His Excellency the Governor quite agrees that the Colony needs a malarialogist. His Excellency the Governor hopes that before long one will be appointed. Until that hope is converted into actuality we will have to be content with merely the publication of an appalling list of deaths from malaria which the lauded training of nullahs is unable to counteract.

In one respect the Governor is in agreement with a comment made in this column yesterday—that there must be a public conscience as well as a Government conscience in all matters of public health. But that does not necessarily imply unqualified acceptance of the Governor's dictum that in the matter of instructing public opinion about public health it is the Medical Association that should show the way. Private medical practitioners may, and do, engage in a great deal of health propaganda, but the peculiar constitution of the Colony surely calls for the lead coming from the Government. In its hands lies all—or nearly all—the influence and certainly all the power to impose its will upon the people in regard to the "all-important question of public health." Let that influence and power be used with tact and discretion, and no one will cavil at "the very heavy sacrifices necessary in the cause of improved sanitation."

France and Disarmament.

M. Briand's reply to President Coolidge's Memorandum on the question of disarmament was not unexpected. The French Foreign Minister goes straight to the point, reiterating, once again, France's attitude towards the aloofness of the United States as

regards the League of Nations and the functions of the latter organisation. M. Briand points out, not, we think, unwisely, that a conference of the five large Powers would eliminate the other naval nations: also interested in disarmament. If, however, the matter is dealt with by the League of Nations which, as M. Briand points out, is entitled by the Covenant to deal with the subject, the smaller nations would have an equal say in the matter. At the same time, in view of what occurred at Locarno, there is no reason why France and Germany should not agree to have a measure of disarmament on their frontiers comparable to that between France and Spain or France and Italy, and this is by no means an unimportant side of the question since France's finances would gain very materially thereby. Then there is the question of the submarine. The British, it must be remembered, advocated its abolition at the Washington Conference with complete lack of success, and it would appear from one or two utterances by Cabinet Ministers during recent months that Locarno's success has not increased Britain's chances of success along the same lines. We are inclined to hold the opinion that the submarine will never be abolished as an adjunct of a battle fleet; yet might as well propose to abolish the torpedo, which after all is only a primitive submarine without a crew. On the other hand, the submarine might, and should be abolished, as a weapon of blockade, but again, it seems highly improbable that it ever will be—except at a price. For the submarine is regarded as the defensive weapon of the weaker naval Power against the stronger, and, indeed, that is the justification the French always plead for their own enthusiasm for the arm. We are undoubtedly face to face with a very practical question to which moral fervour provides no sort of answer. The Locarno spirit, if it can be maintained, may be the faith that is capable of moving mountains. But it must be admitted that as a diplomatic instrument Locarno covered only the fringe of the fears that make for large armaments. Then take disarmament in the air. What chance is there of tackling this problem with success so long as the aeroplane is not chiefly an arm of military operation but is a means of warfare whose special efficacy is supposed to lie in terrorising the civil population? These difficulties are suggested not to discourage hopes but as a preparation for the work that awaits those called upon to represent the various Powers when the question of disarmament is discussed, whether this be done under the aegis of the League of Nations or as President Coolidge suggests.

ST. JOHN'S ORGAN.

IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION CEREMONY.

A large and representative congregation assembled at St. John's Cathedral yesterday evening for the dedication and formal opening of the reconstructed organ, an impressive ceremony which was followed by a short organ recital rendered by Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., the Cathedral organist.

The service, which opened with the processional hymn "All People that on Earth Do Dwell," was conducted by the Colonial Chaplain (Rev. H. Copley Moyle M.A. Oxon.). The Bishop of Victoria (Rt. Rev. Charles Ridley, D.D., D.C.) dedicated the instrument and gave the episcopal benediction at the conclusion of the service.

Mr. Mason's recital comprised a few well-chosen favourites, the variety giving the instrumentalist ample scope for revealing the advantages gained by the rearrangement of the couplers and stops. Handel's "Berenice Minuet" is always agreeable to listen to, but as rendered by the Cathedral organist last night, was most pleasing. The forceful strains of Rheinberger's "Allegro Maestoso," providing a strong contrast to the Handel number, indicated the skill with which the reconstruction of the instrument has been handled.

It is announced that further recitals will be given in the Cathedral on Fridays, February 25 and March 5 at 5.45 p.m.

"HIS JAZZ BRIDE"

"Like a mannequin parade" is the comment of a scene in "His Jazz Bride," the Warner Bros. picture now being shown at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon.

Mavis Erevok, who stars with Matt Moore, is seen to advantage in the title role of a story that has a clever setting, a fitting climax and a pleasant ending.

The film is from "The Flapper Wife" by Beatrice Burton.

OUR \$50 PRIZE

Result Of The Fourth Puzzle.

THREE FOR FIRST PLACE.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in announcing the result of its fourth Cross-Word Puzzle Competition which has been won by three competitors with only two errors each. These three competitors are:—

Miss Jex,
554, Nathan Road,
Kowloon.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell,
The Magistracy,
Hong Kong.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hong Kong.

The \$50 prize will be divided among the three winners, and in accordance with the rules, cheques will be sent to them four days hence, under registered cover, together with the congratulations of the "China Mail."

The correct solutions are as follows:—

Across.
1. WARD; 4. TUBER; 7. PURL; 10. PS; 11. TO; 12. EM; 13. SO; 14. LEAT; 15. WENDS; 18. SEAS; 20. IS; 21. SARDINE; 23. MA; 24. TWIRL; 25. MODUS; 26. ED; 28. DD; 30. WE; 31. AD; 32. ROPE; 35. OPE; 37. NEAR; 40. VOLE; 41. CRANE; 42. RUIN; 43. NORA; 45. ACT; 46. LASS; 47. CE; 48. LA; 50. SO; 51. ER; 53. START; 56. STAND; 58. VA; 59. STEWPAN; 60. TS; 61. ECHE; 63. IDEAL; 64. CASE; 66. HE; 67. AS; 68. KO; 69. HO; 70. FEND; 71. TORTS; 72. PACK.

Down.

2. APES; 3. RSA; 4. TOWARD; 5. BAND; 6. RESNOW; 8. USE; 9. ROAM; 14. LIFE; 16. ERL; 17. DIM; 19. SARD; 21. SIDE; 22. EDEN; 27. DRONE; 29. SPACE; 31. ARISE; 33. OLD; 34. FER; 35. ORA; 36. ENT; 38. ERA; 39. AUS; 44. ALAS; 46. LOAN; 47. COVE; 49. ARTIST; 50. STALK; 52. ROSE; 54. TED; 55. SP; 57. ACHE; 59. WEIR; 60. TSOC; 62. HEN; 65. AHA.

SNOW HAVOC.

HUGE AVALANCHE HITS CAMP.

ELEVEN PEOPLE KILLED.

Fresno City, (Cal.), Feb. 15.
It is reported that eleven people have been killed, twenty have been injured, and three are missing as a result of a snow avalanche which struck the camp of California Edison Co. at Big Creek, about seventy-five miles west of here.—Reuter's American Service.

Disaster in Japan.

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

Official figures show that 168 persons were killed, 53 injured and 29 are missing as a result of snowstorms in north-west Japan. The main train services have been resumed but it will require a week before all are re-opened. The expenditure in repairing and clearing the railway alone exceeds 2,000,000 yen.—Reuter.

Tragedy in Russia.

London, Jan. 28.

Copenhagen.—A telegram received from Moscow says that all trace has been lost of the Government Commission of 110 members which left Moscow a fortnight ago to organise the census of Siberia.

It is surmised that they perished during the recent terrible snowstorms.

NAVAL EXPERT.

FORTNIGHT'S STUDY OF LOCAL CONDITIONS.

MALARIAL PROBLEMS.

The "China Mail" understands that the naval expert on malarial problems whose visit to Hong Kong was referred to at yesterday's dinner of the local branch of the British Medical Association was Surgeon-Commander Given, who was sent out by the Admiralty to Singapore as Health Officer in connection with the Singapore Dock scheme.

On a visit here at the request of the local naval authorities in connection with malarial matters, he spent about a fortnight in studying local conditions on this question.

The local Health authorities and experts collaborated with Surg.-Comdr. Given and conducted him to various places such as Stanley, Tai-po, etc. Thorough investigations were made at each place and tests carried out with various species of mosquitoes and mosquito larvae.

Surg.-Comdr. Given prepared a report concerning his observations of conditions here and this report, together with that of our own local experts, is now before the Government.

MISUNDERSTOOD?

France and Coolidge Proposals.

Views Of MR. KELLOGG.

Washington, Feb. 16.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, expresses the opinion that the French reply to President Coolidge's disarmament Memorandum apparently reveals a misunderstanding of the proposals at several points.

Italy's Reply.
Rome, Feb. 16.
It is believed in authoritative quarters that the Italian reply to President Coolidge's proposals, which will shortly be despatched, will be in the negative.—Reuter.

Earlier News.
Washington, Feb. 16.
It is announced that President Coolidge believes that his armaments proposal is the only practical means of accomplishing a reduction in armaments, particularly in the naval sphere. It is indicated at the White House that the President is strongly of opinion that no agreement on those points, particularly interesting to the major naval Powers, can be expected from a conference including nations not possessing naval forces of sufficient size to fall within the conference.—Reuter's American Service.

SEDITIONARY CHARGES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Nationalist Revolution is a great eye-sore to the British Imperialists. Therefore, they could not fail to do their utmost to prejudice our Northern Expedition and sent Chan Kwong-ming, Hung Shu-lun, and Yeung Hi-man, to set up a rebellion and supplied the bandits in Kwangtung with arms and ammunition so as to cause the anxiety to the rear of our Northern expedition. But finally our Northern Expedition occupied Changsha and Yachow, and then captured Wuchang and Hankow.

During that time, the British Imperialists, besides supplying rebel Wu with arms and ammunitions and funds for military purposes also made an attack on the Northern Expedition with their gun-boats. When Wu had been defeated, they again made use of Sun of the New Chilli Faction as their tool and caused us damage whenever possible. But after all they could do no harm to the Nationalist Government. They found that all the evils they had done could only cause their pain. The British Imperialists, in a state of helplessness (lit the Sun is setting and they have got into a cul-de-sac) were compelled to change their policy.

They then allied with the Mukdenese troops and lent them \$5,000,000, in order to enable them to march down to the South and regain all the special privileges along the Chang-kiang which they had snatched during the past years with all sorts of conspiracy. Who will not be aggrieved at the British Imperialists invading China and causing her disturbances, and want to take steps against them?

The British Imperialists, however, in view of the opposition of the Chinese masses, have resorted to severe drastic measures. They caused the collision of a gun-boat at Hankow and killed more than 400 workmen.

Yesterday they again massacred our workmen in Kiukiang and fired their guns so as to show their power.

How sad we are for our beloved fellow-countrymen who have been killed under fire from the British Imperialists! The more violent and wicked the Imperialists are, the more our fellow countrymen should wake-up. Our workmen in Kiukiang went to strike on account of financial stringency, but the British Imperialists actually treated them with violence and wickedness. Their massacre of our workmen will mean a challenge to our Nationalist Government. The lives and properties of our masses would never be safe, unless British Imperialist is overthrown. Our fellow countrymen! Be quick, and let us unite together to overthrow the brutal and inhuman Imperialists.

SMALL-POX AT HOME.

London, Jan. 28.

Five hundred and fifty-eight cases of small-pox were reported in England and Wales last week, of which over half occurred in Durham.

This total compares with 675 for the previous week.

No deaths have been reported.

QUARANTINE.

Hong Kong's quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Sourabaya and Macassar on account of plague have been removed.

The next term at the Diocesan Boys' School will begin on Tuesday, March 1, at 8 a.m. New boys should attend at the school the day before (Monday) at the same hour.

AN ACTIVE YEAR.

K.R.A. And Public Interests.

WORTHY 1926 RECORD.

The seventh annual general meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Monday, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of adopting the report and accounts for the past year, the election of Officers and Committee and the consideration of any other business.

The Committee request that members and others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the meeting.

The Committee in presenting its report desires to call attention to the comprehensive nature of the work. There is not a question concerning the welfare of the residents which does not come within its scope. The report accordingly commences with the residence which occupy the question of rent, planning of servants' quarters, telephone service, &c.—then deals with the traffic of the streets under various aspects and the ferry service. Education is not forgotten, nor health and recreation in the matter of playgrounds, band concerts and bathing facilities, as well as Dispensary and Hospital. A reference to the Kowloon cemeteries adds a touch of completeness to the survey. But, in addition to these wider issues, a number of minor grievances have been taken up in response to the appeals of individual members, and some of these are also mentioned.

Rents Ordinance.

This year the Government announced its intention to allow the Rents Ordinance, which had been in operation under various forms for 5 years, to lapse on June 30. The Committee debated the subject at the beginning of May and saw at once that there were two sides to the question, but also saw clearly that the views of its constituents should be ascertained and their wishes followed. By means of a referendum, the general feeling of the members was tested and, as 81 per cent. of the responses were in favour of an appeal to the Government to continue the Ordinance in operation. A petition to that effect was sent forthwith.

Fair Rents Board.

The Rents Ordinance was not renewed, and the Committee, after receiving a number of complaints concerning increased rents, proceeded to appeal to the Government to institute a "Fair Rents Board," in accordance with 92 per cent. of the responses to the referendum on that point. The Government, in reply, asked whether it was not a fact that there are many vacant houses and flats in Kowloon suitable for the various classes of the community and what classes of the community were particularly referred to. The Committee emphasised the shortage of vacant premises of any sort in the Tsim Sha Tsui district. The Government finally wrote to say that it was not prepared to interfere, as it considered that time must be given to allow rents to find their proper economic level.

Cleansing Servants' Quarters.

The Sanitary Board, when contemplating the extension to Kowloon of the system of cleansing servants' quarters already in force in other parts of the colony, consulted the Committee on the subject. The Committee, after addressing one or two inquiries to the Board, and having received the assurance that no expense would be caused to tenants and the minimum of inconvenience, heartily approved a trial of the system, and appealed through the Press to Kowloon residents to give the experiment every encouragement and report to the Committee any practical difficulty or inconvenience that might arise. No complaint whatever has been received.

Servant Registration.

An interesting letter was received in July asking whether the Committee could guarantee the support of the Association in the event of an employment agency being established by private enterprise. The letter stated that the details of the scheme had been laid before the Government, following its intimation that it would give consideration to any concrete proposals along those lines, but that the Government, after writing the arrival of the new Governor and having sought information from Ceylon, replied that as at present advised it cannot in present circumstances associate itself with any private scheme for the registration of domestic or other employees. The Committee, after full consideration, resolved that, in view of the many difficulties it could not guarantee the support of the association unless the scheme proposed had the support of the Government.

Telephone Service.

Complaints having been received of the telephone service in Kowloon, a sub-committee was elected to deal with the matter, and inquiry was made into the operation of the whole system, and the attention of the Company called to certain features which appeared unsatisfactory. The correspondence was published in the Press to show how the points raised by the Committee were not directly answered by the Telephone Company. The Company has, however, given a general assurance "that all that can reasonably and practically be done to effect both immediate and ultimate improvements and extensions is being done."

As regards faults in the Telephone Service, the Committee would take this opportunity of reminding their members that the Company have a system, referred to in the Preface of the Directory, whereby all faults in the operation may be traced to their proper cause, if the complaint is telephoned immediately to the clerk-in-charge and afterwards confirmed in writing to the manager.

Kowloon Traffic.

Coming now to questions of traffic, the first matter dealt with was the decision of Government to postpone completion of the work at the dangerous corner by the Po Hing theatre, at the junction of Nathan and Gascoigne Roads. The Committee added their strong protest to others which were being made, and the work was resumed. Improvements in the bus service are gradually being carried out along the lines of the recommendations made in 1924 by the K.R.A. The system of fixed stopping-places has been put into force and the Committee has from time to time suggested additions and modifications. The use of a sign to indicate a "full bus" was urged and is being adopted.

On the basis of the sub-committee's report a number of further points were brought to the attention of Government, e.g., the condition of the road to Kowloon Tong estate, the obstruction by trees in Canton Road and by lamp-posts in Nathan and Salisbury roads, riding on footboards of buses, crowding of first-class seats by constables, postmen and bus employees. The Government's replies to each point were satisfactory except in regard to the removal of trees in Canton Road, which the Committee urged again.

The attention of the Police was called to the dangerous speed at which the Kowloon City buses emerge into Jordan Road beside the Diocesan Girls' school.

An effort was made to secure a system of monthly tickets available for all buses. The three companies accordingly prepared a scheme, but one so impracticable that it was not worth discussing.

Star Ferry Approach.

Knowing that the question of improving the Star Ferry approach was engaging the attention of the Government, the Committee resolved to ask the Government if it would be good enough to acquaint the K.R.A. with the outline of the proposed scheme before it was finally agreed upon. At the same time a sub-committee was formed to scrutinise any plans which the Government might see fit to send. The sub-committee worked out a plan independently and it has been forwarded to the Government.

The Star Ferry Company sent a copy of their projected plan for the improvement of the Hong Kong wharf for the consideration of the Committee. A sub-committee was formed to deal with it, and successive plans were produced until the company were enabled to prepare one which embodied all the suggested improvements and met with the cordial approval of the Committee.

It may be added that other improvements in the service, as the extra ferry at 8.15 a.m. for example, have been willingly introduced by the Company on the representation of the Committee.

Education Board Representation.

Kowloon residents are still represented on the Education Board, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, M.A., having been appointed, on the recommendation of the Committee, to take the place of Mr. Wylie, who went home on furlough. Before leaving, Mr. Wylie made a private report to the Committee. The fact that the Board meets in camera and the reports of its representatives are therefore confidential, was considered unsatisfactory, and the Government was asked to reconsider the wisdom of this rule. The Government replied that authorised communications could be made public. Later in the year Mr. Lindsay's appointment was confirmed for two years from October 22.

Children's Playground.

In connection with the children's playground a set of rules was submitted by the Police department and certain modifications suggested by the Committee.

A better arrangement was made in regard to the watchman so that he could remain till the swings, &c. were locked up for the night, thereby ensuring quiet after dark. It is with regret that the Committee report the slow negotiations for the extension of the playground to part of the fields near Holt's wharf. Railway material obstructing the ground has kindly been removed by the Railway Company but other work has been delayed.

Application was made for a recreation ground for Chinese youths on vacant ground on the South side of Argyle Street. The Government replied that part of the ground has been allocated for that purpose but to acquire and allocate the whole is not possible.

Band Concerts.

The Committee attempted to arrange a series of Open Air Concerts by the Band of the 1st Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment on the same terms as before, but the Lieutenant Colonel was unable to meet the wishes of the Committee in the matter.

Bathing Facilities.

As the question of bathing facilities in the Colony was being made a subject of inquiry by Government, the Committee appointed a sub-committee to report on behalf of Kowloon. As a result of its investigations a number of important suggestions were forwarded to the Government for the improvement of bathing facilities at Castle Peak, and the opening up of a bathing beach at Tai Wai—the bay next to the Kowloon Docks bathing beach.

Kowloon Dispensary.

The transference of the Kowloon Dispensary to the Kowloon Hospital led the Committee to write to the Government deploring the loss occasioned to the populous district which it had served, and on receiving a disappointing answer, to write a second time urging that it be reopened, with the help of private practitioners if necessary.

Kowloon Hospital.

In connection with the Kowloon Hospital an incident occurred which gave the Committee another opportunity to plead with the Government to allow patients to be attended by their own medical practitioners if they so desire. In this way, although the Government declined to alter its decision, it is kept in mind of the wish of residents and its own original intention.

Kowloon Cemeteries.

The Government communicated to the Committee a revised plan for the allocation of cemetery sites to meet the needs of the various sections of the population of Kowloon. Several difficulties suggested themselves to the minds of the members and these were passed on to the Government.

Various Grievances.

The Committee has dealt with various nuisances, as for example, the noisy cries of hawkers in a district where they are forbidden, the barking of the dogs in the Dogs' Home, the interference with telephone wires by promiscuous kite-flying, the want of a telephone connection with a Mongkok-sau police station, the congregation of animals under the verandahs in Nathan Road, &c. The Committee take this opportunity of thanking the Captain Superintendent of the Police for prompt and effective measures taken in response to its appeals.

Publicity.

A word of thanks is due to the Press of Hong Kong for sympathetic references to the work of the K.R.A. and full publication of the Committee's communications and the application form for Membership in the issue of May 15. The Committee also thank the Star Ferry Company for allocating space for K.R.A. announcements in one of their framed notice boards and for consenting to keep membership forms in their office.

Changes in Committee.

It should be noted that Mr. C. W. Skeet, who was elected Hon. Secretary at the annual meeting, was transferred to Shanghai in April and Mr. J. L. Parren was appointed to the post which he has filled with ability and devotion. Mr. Skeet's place on the Committee was taken by Mr. Colbourne Little. Mr. E. Cook left on furlough in April. Mr. F. J. Easterbrook was asked and agreed to take Mr. Cook's place.

The Committee thanks the Hon. Treasurer for his services and Mr. John Fleming, A.A., for gratuitously auditing the accounts. The Vestry of St. Andrew's Church for free use of the Church Hall for Meetings; the Hon. Colonial Secretary and other Government officials for their ready co-operation during another year.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. J. M. Alves, Hon. Treasurer, submits the following report on the accounts of the Association for the year 1926.

The total subscriptions collected from members was \$539.00, of which \$490.00 represent 1926 a/c. Hence out of \$153.00, outstanding on Dec. 31, 1925, as previously reported, only \$49.00 were recovered. Among the old accounts there were 7, owing \$15.00, who said that they had resigned, and 17 owing \$48.00, reported to have left the Colony. In both cases the Committee do not appear to have received any notification thereof. It would assist the Treasurer very much if members, on leaving the Colony, would kindly notify the Committee.

In compliance with the following Bye-law passed on Feb. 9, 1925, namely:—

"Rule 144a.—If the subscription of any Member shall remain unpaid for two consecutive years then the General Committee shall have power to delete his name from the list of Members."

11 names, owing \$33.00, have been struck off the said list. There were 284 members on December 31, of whom 18 have not yet paid their subscription for 1926. The amount of interest received from the Bank in respect to our investment on Fixed Deposit was \$20.32.

The total amount of expenditure was \$292.48, as against \$278.00 in 1925. The increase was due to greater expenditure on account of postage and printing of a larger number of copies of the annual report of the Association for distribution among the residents of the peninsula. Altogether 770 copies of the report were posted. The result of the propaganda was fairly good, whereby 52 new members were enrolled. More could have joined; and it is surprising that the names of many who are known for their civic spirit, are not yet on the list of members.

It was decided to discontinue renting a Post Office letter box for 1927 as it was found to be very little availed of by members.

The Balance at hand on December 31, 1926, was \$774.95, made up as follows:—

\$700.00 on Fixed Deposit with Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
74.95 on Current Account with Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
\$74.95

Mr. Fleming, C.A., kindly audited the Accounts.

MEDICOS MEET

Governor At Annual Dinner.

LOCAL HEALTH MATTERS.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, was among the guests at the annual dinner last night of the local branch of the British Medical Association.

Col. Boylan Smith, the President of the branch, presided over the dinner, which was held at the Hong Kong Hotel. He was supported by the members of the Council, Professor, John Anderson (Vice President), Dr. Strathan (Hon. Secretary), Dr. Addison, Surg. Lt.-Comdr. Fitzroy Williams, Dr. Black, Dr. Woo and Dr. J. C. Macgown.

In proposing the toast of H.E. the Governor, the Chairman referred to the esteem, respect and admiration in which Sir Cecil was held. They were glad to welcome him as the representative of His Majesty the King and Governor of the Colony but they were particularly pleased to have him because he was himself a doctor.

The Chairman referred to the grave problem of infant mortality among Asiatics in the Colony. Some efforts were made at child welfare but the difficulties that had to be faced were enormous. Referring to the schools of the Colony, the Chairman urged that some record should be kept of the health of scholars until they had reached the age of sixteen. In this and other directions a statistical bureau would be of great value in matters of public health.

The Chairman urged the registration of malarial fever as a notifiable disease and thought there ought to be a malarialogist in the Colony. The recent report of a prominent malarial officer from Singapore had included the statement that Hong Kong was three years behind the times in the matter of malarial prevention. One of the greatest needs of the Colony was an adequate intelligence department on matters of public health. He made these suggestions in no carping spirit but only with a desire to help and help that the Association could give in any direction would be very freely rendered.

Governor's Reply.

H.E. the Governor replied to the toast, thanking the speaker for his kind words and the assembly for the cordial manner in which they had received the sentiments expressed. He would like, he said, to make clear the attitude of the Government to matters of public health.

There was the daily ebb and flow of thousands of Chinese between Hong Kong and Canton in the late part of the year, and matters of public health receiving only the most perfunctory attention from the Chinese authorities; in many places they were utterly neglected. With regard to birth statistics, Chinese women habitually preferred, whenever possible, to return to their native village in order that their children might be born. Similarly, Chinese men and women when sick or stricken in years, preferred, if they could, to return to their ancestral homes to die.

Again, a large proportion of the Chinese population was not attending during sickness by any medical man. With many there was an inherent reluctance of going to Hospital when sick. In the case of the Tung Wah, for instance, where patients could choose to be treated either in accordance with Chinese or Western medical practice, the choice was almost invariably for the former and it was only when these methods failed that they received Western treatment.

The Canton Handicap.

His Excellency assured those present that the Hong Kong Government was keenly alive to the necessity of protecting both the public health of the Colony and of setting a good example to their neighbours.



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possible. Side by side with the "local" news and the "China"
despatches, the "Overland" will supply all requirements.This week's issue will tell how the negotiations were
broken off at Hankow, at the eleventh hour—a very important
event in itself—and how all the other issues are connected with
the various developments.Hong Kong is the temporary home of Naval and Military
detachments from elsewhere. Their activities in the Colony are
also chronicled so that people awaiting news of Servicemen out
here will be sure to appreciate a copy.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

For throwing dangerous
crackers in the street during the
Chinese New Year Holiday, a
Chinese was fined \$3 by Mr. R. E.
Lindell at the Central Magis-
tracy yesterday.Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O.,
L.T.C.L., is to give an organ recital
at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow
at 5.45 p.m. The collection will be
for the organ fund and the pro-
gramme will be found in an adver-
tisement on page 12.Nos. 28A, Des Vaux Road
and 11, Wing On Street were sold
by auction at the China Auction
rooms yesterday for \$112,500
(an increase of \$27,500 on the
upset price). The purchaser
was Mr. Wong Kam.For returning to the Colony
before the expiration of his term
of banishment, a Chinese was
sent to jail for six months with
hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindell
at the Central Magistracy yester-
day. In reply to his Worship,
the accused said that he had only
intended spending a few hours in
the Colony, having come here to
borrow money from relatives.Mr. Herbert Whitworth,
Chairman and Managing Director
of the firm of Herbert Whit-
worth and Co., manufacturers
and merchants, has offered \$10-
000 to establish a scholarship
fund with the object of assisting
youths desiring careers in the ex-
port trade. The Manchester
Chamber of Commerce, the
trustees of the fund, will admin-
ister the scholarship scheme.In connection with the ap-
pointment of Major-General C. C.
Van Straubenzee, C.B., C.M.G., to
be General Officer Commanding
Malaya, vice Major-General Sir
T. Fraser, K.C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., a
correspondent of the "Times"
says that the appointment is of
more than usual interest. Major-
General Van Straubenzee is now
commanding the 46th North Mid-
land Division of the Territorial
Army at Derby. His appoint-
ment derives significance from
the fact that important changes
are likely to develop at Singapore
during his tenure, which will be-
gin in June next and terminate
in 1931. The present staff con-
sists of 16 officers, including artil-
lery and engineer experts for the
defences, but as the naval base
develops both staff and troops are
likely to increase.The winter rush of prospec-
tors to the mining fields of North-
ern Manitoba continues, aero-
planes, dog teams, and snow
shoes all being used.A marble head discovered
under the foundation of an early
Christian church at Jerash,
Palestine, and which it is thought
may represent Christ, was on
view in mail week in the British
Museum for the first time.The directors of the New
primrose gold mine have given
notice to the South-African Gov-
ernment that they will close the
mine at the end of March. The
mine, which is 40 years old, is
nearly worked out. It has paid
\$3,000,000 in dividends.According to the "Narodny
Politika" the Association of
Divorced Women of Czechoslo-
vakia has sent a memorandum
to each of the political parties in
the Diet demanding definite
regulations for the alimony to be
granted to divorced women who
have been innocent parties in
their divorce.The coiffeur at the Ritz, in
Paris, who has probably shaved
more famous chins than any bar-
ber alive, says that the King of
Roumania's beard was the tough-
est growth he ever encountered.
This barber admits that his tips
alone amount to at least 2,500
francs (about \$20) a month. His
biggest came from a member of
the American millionaire family
of Brady, who once gave him
1,000 dollars (over \$200) for
three weeks' attendance."Truth," has just kept its
jubilee, notes Mr. J. L. Garvin
in the "Observer" just to hand
from London. It is the sole sur-
vivor of "society journalism,"
and one, at least, of the rivals it
has outlived—the "World" of
Edmund Yates—was of no
mean calibre. "Truth" is about
the best proof we possess that
you need not be solemn in order
to be good. Its note of cynical
amusement has been coupled with
a sleepless warfare on knavery,
by which both the charitable and
the investing public have been
saved untold sums. It has been
a voluntary, unofficial and most
successful hunter of the financial
shark—a career demanding as
much astuteness as assiduity.
Long may it flourish in its double
role of entertainer and watch-
dog.A project is under considera-
tion by the Air Ministry, writes
the "Air Correspondent" of the
"Daily Mail" to produce a film de-
picting the part played by British
aircraft in the Great War.According to figures just
issued in Montreal 1,090,588 pas-
sengers were conveyed by the
seamanship companies which are
members of the North Atlantic
Passenger Conference last year,
an increase of \$2,412. The
movement between Europe and
Canadian Atlantic ports was
stronger than that between Euro-
pean and United States ports.The Archdeacon of the
Arctic, a new post created by the
Church of England in Canada,
will look after the spiritual wel-
fare of the Eskimos. The Rev.
A. L. Fleming, of St. John, who
has accepted the appointment,
began life as a naval architect
and later became a missionary in
the Arctic, being the first white
man to cross Baffin Land. He is
an authority on the Eskimo
language and customs.In connection with the ex-
pansion of the home air defences,
the Air Ministry have placed
orders for 80 giant Handley
Page-Napier night-bombing aero-
planes to equip new squadrons
and bring up to date the equip-
ment of established squadrons.
Each of the new bombing aero-
planes will be driven by two
Napier engines totalling 1,000-
h.p. The machines are designed
for attacking enemy aerodromes
so as to destroy their raiding
aeroplanes.People who are in the habit
of receiving large numbers of
letters daily say that the average
handwriting is getting worse,
much worse than it was before
the war. Some experts hold that
this deterioration is largely due
to carelessness. The head of the
post department of a West End
business firm said the other day:
"One of the greatest bugbears of
modern business is the order or
letter from a customer in which
the sender's signature and often
the address are illegible. Much
delay is caused by attempts to
decipher such signatures and ad-
dresses, and very often the cus-
tomer complains of inattention to
requirements when indecipher-
able handwriting is the sole
cause."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Dr. Lim Boon Keng, O.B.E., Pre-
sident the Amoy University, is at
present in Singapore on a short
holiday.The death has occurred in a
West-end nursing home of Mrs.
Victor Chetwynd, whose husband is
the heir to the Chetwynd baronetcy,
which dates from 1795.London papers announce the
death of Lady Weaver, the wife of
Sir Lawrence Weaver, the founder
of the National Institute of Agri-
cultural Botany and the initiator
of many post-war movements.The death has occurred at the
Freemasons' Hospital of Mr. John
Denyer Rand, after a long and
painful illness. He had been the
proprietor and editor of the "Free-
mason and Masonic Illustrated" for
over twenty years.Mr. John McArthur, Western
Canada's greatest railroad builder,
has died at the age of 73 of perni-
cious anaemia. Mr. McArthur built a
large portion of the present Cana-
dian National Railways in the West,
and also the Hudson's Bay line.
He was a native of Lancaster,
Ontario.The yacht "Alacrity" with Mrs.
Moore, an American millionaire
and Mrs. Knight on board, was ex-
pected at Bali on January 31. The
party was to tour through Java
and Sumatra overland. It is also
possible that the yacht will call at
Belawan. The "Alacrity" was
formerly the yacht of the Comman-
der-in-Chief of the China Station.
She was sold on the ground of
economy."It was quite a romance of a
liner, if you like to put it that way,
but I cannot say that the engage-
ment took place before the end of
the voyage, as I am sure you would
like." Thus, laughingly, Miss
Peggy Thomas, the eldest daughter
of Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., discus-
ed with a Press representative the
announcement of her engagement to
Mr. Reginald Harris, whom she
met in the liner "Saxon" on a trip to
South-Africa two years ago. The
wedding will probably take place in
April. Miss Thomas was accom-
panying her father on an Empire
Parliamentary mission when she
met her fiancé. Mr. Harris is a
Londoner, and is connected with a
firm of engineers and contractors.Dame Ellen Terry, who has been
seriously ill, is now well on the way
to convalescence.According to the latest list of
appointments, transfers etc. Mr.
George Cormack, Chief Engi-
neer, s.s. "Sunning," is on
reserve.The "Municipal Gazette" (Shang-
hai) of February 10, announces the
confirmation of Mr. Philip W.
Goldring's appointment as As-
sistant Prosecuting Solicitor to the
Council. The appointment is an-
ticipated October 10.Bishop and Mrs. H. Welsh and
Miss E. L. Welsh, Lt.-Comdr. and
Mrs. E. M. Woodson and family,
Mr. A. H. Bishop, Mr. H. Stevens
and Mrs. J. L. Stephens were
among the passengers who sailed
from Hong Kong yesterday on the
"President McKinley" for
Seattle.Major-General Sir Neill Malcolm,
K.C.B., D.S.O., president of the
British North Borneo (Chartered)
Company, is expected to arrive in
Singapore about March 15 on his
way to Borneo. Sir Neill Malcolm
was formerly General Officer Com-
manding in Malaya, and many
friends will be glad of this oppor-
tunity of meeting him again.A New York correspondent
states that the testimony given in
a Government suit that Henry
Ford recently rejected with deri-
sion and laughter the offer of
\$200,000,000 for his business, has
awakened Americans to the con-
sciousness that they now possess
a multi-billionaire. Mr. Norval
Hawkins, Ford's former Sales
Manager, has estimated Ford's
fortune at \$400,000,000, including
\$80,000,000 cash in banks.Sir George Maxwell is giving
sittings to Sir William Orpen,
R.A., who is painting his por-
trait, which is being subscribed
for by the Chinese of the F.M.S.
states the London correspondent
of the "Malay Mail." In the por-
trait Sir George is wearing the
white uniform of the Colonial
Civil Service, and this is the first
time the artist has painted the
uniform. The portrait will be
exhibited in this year's Royal
Academy.Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., has
been elected president of the Lan-
cashire and Cheshire Miners'
Federation.Sir Benjamin Samuel Faudel-
Phillips, Bt., a leading City mer-
chant, has died at Balls Park,
Hertford, in his 56th year. Both
his grandfather and his father
served as Lord Mayor of London,
the former in 1846, being the first
Jewish Chief Magistrate of the
City.Mr. Dan Breen, the Republican
who was elected a member of the
Dail Eireann for Tipperary in
1923 and has hitherto refused to
sit, received an ovation when he
took the oath of allegiance and his
seat upon the reassembling of the
Dail Eireann.Mr. Cedric Hardwicke and Miss
Helena Pickard, who are well known
on the stage, were married at St.
Jude's-in-the-Hill, Hampstead. Both
are now appearing on the London
stage, Mr. Hardwicke in "Yellow
Sands" at the Haymarket, and Miss
Pickard in "The Purple Bedroom"
at the Coliseum.Deaths announced at Home in
mail week are:—Mr. W. H. White,
managing director of the Vaudeville
Theatre, Reading; it is claimed that
he opened and managed the first
continuous picture show in London
in Bishopsgate Street in 1906; and
Dr. F. Stewart Hutchinson, of
Furze Hill, Hove, Sussex; at
Maloja, Switzerland, where he had
gone for a sports holiday; aged 57.The following deaths are an-
nounced at Home:—The Rev.
Thomas McMurdie, former presi-
dent of the Catholic College of St.
George's, Woburn Park, Weybridge,
Surrey, aged 72, who during the
Great War gave refuge at the col-
lege to many Belgians; Mr. G. W.
Gedney, aged 87, for 57 years a
member of the Bromley Board of
Guardians, a former naval officer,
Indian Mutiny veteran, of Globe
Road, Bromley, Kent; the Rev.
Edward Lees, vicar of Bromwood,
Essex, since 1923; aged 64; Mr.
Ralph Davies, colliery owner, of
Abercraze, Breckinridge, former
high sheriff for the county; and Mr.
Thomas Pitt, aged 93, of Ports-
mouth, who could recall seeing
Nightingale tending the sick
and wounded during the
Crimean War, in which he served
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SPORTS SECTION

DERBY PROSPECTS.

Ponies For Annual Race Meeting.

SOME COMPARATIVE TIMES.

[By "Patrol"]
Rain this week has put a different complexion on the prospects for this year's annual race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (to begin on Feb. 28).

Although the winning of the Derby is believed to be confined to two or three stables, there are still a number of "dark horses" which may bring off the unexpected.

On performances in training, Mr. L. Dunbar's string of four has the best chance of getting first place.

Three Fine Gallies.
Last Saturday three of them put up fine gallops on the outside course, with the redoubtable Ching in the saddle.

Chesapeake Bay covered 1 1/4 miles in 2 minutes 45 seconds, the last quarter in 30 seconds. Elliot Bay's time for the same distance was 2:49 (last qtr. 30.2/5).

On these times Chesapeake Bay has been looked upon as favourite and the stable connections are sanguine as to the stamina and speed for doing an extra two furlongs.

Also last Saturday and on the outside (grass) course, Mr. "Dynasty's" King of Clubs was clocked over the Derby distance in 3:20 but the last quarter is comparatively slow—given as 35.3/5 seconds.

Gallop in the Dark.
Then there are others. Very early yesterday morning, Messrs. Tock & Priestley's Canadian is "reputed" to have galloped 1 1/4 miles on the "inside" (training) track in 3:18, last quarter 32.3. Yesterday the course was holding and on heavy going, this time would have won in previous years.

Mr. Sokoloff is again doing duty for the crimson, violet and grey and he is already here.

Possible Outsiders.
Some who profess to be in the know doubt the performance put up by Canadian.

Nevertheless interest is added. Then there are Mr. Roda's candidates and Mr. Seth's Old Custom should not be despised. Last Saturday his time was given as 3:25 (last qtr. 36) over 1 1/4 miles on the grass track.

There is hardly any need to go beyond any of these for the winners of the local classic races. Griffins of Mrs. R. J. Patterson, possibly one of Messrs. Hall & Shenton's and one or two others of which more anon may be dangerous in the smaller events.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's stock has slumped considerably. At first it was thought that he might carry off the Blue Ribbon in his first year as an owner but his string of four griffins are running only moderately just now and have not improved with training.

"Old Pony" Favourites.
Of the "old" ponies, Bengal, Sallia and Grey Morn will run "hot" favourites on their reputation alone but all three are reported very fit.

Bengal, the Tientsin pony, has done everything expected of it so far and a gallop of 4:22 over 1 1/4 miles on Tuesday has been spoken of.

Then there are Brigade Call, The Goblin, Lady Luck, Saucy Sue and Lady Love. Attaboy, which I see in the preliminary race-book, has been given without the "late Fantasia Duhla" has done little to speak of, showing a tendency to run away in the first half mile and then to dislike real work at the end.

Best of the "Subs."
Several of last year's subscription griffins are still with us and running well, including Total Abstinence, Home Call, Dobbin, The Gnome, The Geeser, The Sandpiper and others. When not running out of their class the majority will pay to follow.

In Kom Tong Hall, Mr. Ho Kom-tong has the consolation of one of the best 1927 subs. Others singled out on merit so far include Mrs. R. M. Austin's Potemkin and Mrs. Messrs. Dyer & Betts's Loch Tummel. Mr. C. B. Brown's Stone-chenge once promised a good deal but has of late shown a bad temper. Circle is another which may pick up a minor event.

Should the weather continue unfavourable, trainers will have a more difficult time bringing their charges on for the winding-up gallops. That, however, does not concern the public so much as the essential of it being fine on Monday week.

The following will represent the University against the Hong Kong Jockey Club to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. sharp on the University ground:
P. L. Tan, K. T. Loke, Y. C. Teh, A. B. Sullivan, H. W. Ma, C. W. Lam, S. Kermani, P. K. Gan, A. A. Aziz, V. Enok, B. N. Stuen.

MORE MONEY?

SUZANNE LENGLEN AS A TENNIS "PRO."

HER VALUE DECREASED.

New York, Feb. 13.
Miss Suzanne Lenglen's request for a rise has caused a dissension in the ranks of Mr. C. G. Pyle's professional lawn tennis troupe.

It is reported that several, including Miss Lenglen, have withdrawn from the projected foreign tour.

Apparently the value of the fully-fledged professional is not so great as that of the newly-converted amateur.

Mr. Pyle says that as women players were the first to assume the mantle of professionalism, it is fair they should have hitherto received a larger proportion of the profits but now that they are actually professionals, he feels that a new basis of payment is necessary.—Reuter's American Service.

Handicap Singles "A."
First Quarter.
H. Owen Hughes (scr.) v. H. G. Sheldon (rec. 15.1).
Major C. Willson (rec. 1-6) v. A. Piercy (rec. 15).

R. W. Lee (rec. 15.2) v. C. C. Stark (rec. 8-6).
Capt. E. G. Howard (scr.) v. Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1-6).
Second Quarter.
E. Grimble (rec. 2-8) v. H. R. Remington (rec. 15-1).
W. L. Dunbar (rec. 8-6) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4-6).

R. M. Henderson (owe 2-6) v. T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4-6).
W. B. Cornaby (scr.) v. F. T. Orr (rec. 5-6).
Third Quarter.
B. D. Evans (rec. 1-6) v. S. M. Garrard (rec. 4-6).
H. J. Armstrong (rec. 4-6) v. A. B. Raworth (owe 4-6).
Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1-6) v. D. S. Green (rec. 3-6).

G. W. Sewell (rec. 4-6) v. Major H. R. Edwards (rec. 1-6).
G. S. Hugh Jones (rec. 15) v. G. Miskin (scr.).
R. K. Valentine (rec. 4-6) v. L. E. H. J. Larkcomb (rec. 1-6).
Capt. E. W. Morris (scr.) v. S. E. Green (owe 15-3).

Handicap Singles "B."
First Quarter.
C. L. Sandes, bye (owe 5-6) v. H. Graves, bye (owe 2-6) to meet in the second.
R. L. Moncrieff (owe 3-6) v. A. K. Mackenzie (owe 15-1).
R. J. Hinton (rec. 5-6) v. R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15.1).

Second Quarter.
J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15) v. J. H. B. Nihili (scr.).
C. W. E. Bishop (owe 15.3) v. A. H. Penn (rec. 2-6).
P. E. Barker (owe 4-6) v. H. C. Macnamara (rec. 15.3).

Major J. P. S. Greig (rec. 1-6) v. W. M. Lyons (owe 15.3).
Third Quarter.
H. Eldridge (rec. 15.1) v. T. McNary (owe 3-6).
A. J. Hazeland (rec. 2-6) v. H. W. Parker (owe 15).

W. H. Coulson (scr.) v. A. C. I. Bowker (scr.).
Lt. A. E. Barlow (rec. 15.1) v. M. W. Watson (rec. 15.1).
Fourth Quarter.
T. W. Southam (rec. 3-6) v. Lt. R. A. Love (rec. 1-6).
R. H. Blake (scr.) to meet winner of former tie in second round.

J. R. Collis (rec. 5-6) v. T. J. Price (owe 2-6), bye to meet in the second round.
Handicap Doubles.
First Quarter.
C. H. Eldridge and J. Hall (rec. 4-6), bye v. L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers (rec. 2-6), bye.

R. L. Moncrieff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15.1), bye v. Major C. Willson and N. L. Smith (scr.), bye.
J. N. Owen and E. E. Minnich (rec. 15), bye v. W. H. Coulson and T. W. Southam (rec. 4-6), bye.

S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3-6), bye v. R. G. Wilkerson and C. C. Barker (rec. 15.1), bye.

Second Quarter.
Major H. R. Edwards and Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 1-6), bye to meet winners of the following tie in the second round.
Capt. E. W. Morris and Dr. R. E. Tottenham (owe 1-6) v. H. G. Sheldon and J. T. Prior (rec. 15).

Dr. D. J. Valentine and A. W. Hayward (rec. 2-6) v. C. Blaker and H. S. Hills (rec. 5-6).
R. P. Moodie and H. V. Parker (rec. 5-6) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2-6).

J. R. Hinton and C. D. Wales (rec. 15) v. T. D. E. Pendered and G. Miskin (scr.).
M. W. Watson and Dr. J. C. Macgowan (rec. 15.2) v. H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3-6).

A. B. Raworth and T. H. King (owe 1-6) v. C. C. Stark and W. D. Brown (rec. 3-6).
R. M. Henderson and A. Breenley (owe 3-6) v. T. J. Price and E. R. Price (rec. 4-6).

Third Quarter.
W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 1-6) v. A. H. Crook and Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1-6).
C. L. Sandes and H. Graves (rec. 15.2) v. G. S. Hugh Jones and E. L. Judd (rec. 3-6).

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Fourth Quarter.
A. B. Eagle and S. H. Langston (rec. 15.3), bye v. J. H. B. Nihili and B. D. Evans (scr.), bye.

U.S.R.C. AT HOME.
CONCLUSION OF TENNIS TOURNAMENT.
The annual "at Home" of the United Services Recreation Club will be held on the Club's ground at Kowloon, on Thursday, March 3, when the annual tennis tournament will be concluded. Only finals will be played that day. All ties including the semi-finals, are to be completed on or before Sunday, Feb. 27.

Of the ten events, all of which are reaching the concluding stages, only the ladies' open singles has reached the final at present. The finalists are Miss Robinson and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham who met last month at the Ladies' Recreation Club for the ladies' singles championship of the Colony, which the former won by two sets to love (6-3, 6-2).

MACAO RACES.
CUP FOR JOCKEY IN THE H.K. PLATE.
The attention of owners and jockeys is drawn to an advertisement on page 3 of this issue with regard to the Macao races this week-end.

In the Hong Kong Plate, 3rd race, second day (Sunday), a cup has been presented by Mr. Hee Cheong, chairman of the President Hotel, Ltd., Macao, for the winning jockey.

SQUASH RACKETS.
New York, Jan. 25.
The British squash racket team opened their American tour by beating the University Club second team by 4 games to 2.

New York, Jan. 25.
In a squash racket match here a New York side beat the British team by 4 matches to 2.

A notable feature of the match was the brilliant victory of Captain Cazalet over Palmer Dixon, the American Champion, by 15-8, 15-13, and 18-16.

H.K.C.C. HANDICAPS.

ANNUAL CLUB LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

DETAILS OF THE DRAW.

Handicaps have been allotted in the other than championship events of the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament. The pairings for the open singles, open doubles and Club championship have already been published. Below will be found the draw for the handicap events—

Handicap Singles "A."

First Quarter.

H. Owen Hughes (scr.) v. H. G. Sheldon (rec. 15.1).

Major C. Willson (rec. 1-6) v. A. Piercy (rec. 15).

R. W. Lee (rec. 15.2) v. C. C. Stark (rec. 8-6).

Capt. E. G. Howard (scr.) v. Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1-6).

Second Quarter.

E. Grimble (rec. 2-8) v. H. R. Remington (rec. 15-1).

W. L. Dunbar (rec. 8-6) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4-6).

R. M. Henderson (owe 2-6) v. T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4-6).

W. B. Cornaby (scr.) v. F. T. Orr (rec. 5-6).

Third Quarter.

B. D. Evans (rec. 1-6) v. S. M. Garrard (rec. 4-6).

H. J. Armstrong (rec. 4-6) v. A. B. Raworth (owe 4-6).

Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1-6) v. D. S. Green (rec. 3-6).

Fourth Quarter.

G. W. Sewell (rec. 4-6) v. Major H. R. Edwards (rec. 1-6).

G. S. Hugh Jones (rec. 15) v. G. Miskin (scr.).

R. K. Valentine (rec. 4-6) v. L. E. H. J. Larkcomb (rec. 1-6).

Capt. E. W. Morris (scr.) v. S. E. Green (owe 15-3).

Handicap Singles "B."

First Quarter.

C. L. Sandes, bye (owe 5-6) v. H. Graves, bye (owe 2-6) to meet in the second.

R. L. Moncrieff (owe 3-6) v. A. K. Mackenzie (owe 15-1).

R. J. Hinton (rec. 5-6) v. R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15.1).

Second Quarter.

J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15) v. J. H. B. Nihili (scr.).

C. W. E. Bishop (owe 15.3) v. A. H. Penn (rec. 2-6).

P. E. Barker (owe 4-6) v. H. C. Macnamara (rec. 15.3).

Major J. P. S. Greig (rec. 1-6) v. W. M. Lyons (owe 15.3).

Third Quarter.

H. Eldridge (rec. 15.1) v. T. McNary (owe 3-6).

A. J. Hazeland (rec. 2-6) v. H. W. Parker (owe 15).

W. H. Coulson (scr.) v. A. C. I. Bowker (scr.).

Lt. A. E. Barlow (rec. 15.1) v. M. W. Watson (rec. 15.1).

Fourth Quarter.

T. W. Southam (rec. 3-6) v. Lt. R. A. Love (rec. 1-6).

R. H. Blake (scr.) to meet winner of former tie in second round.

J. R. Collis (rec. 5-6) v. T. J. Price (owe 2-6), bye to meet in the second round.

Handicap Doubles.

First Quarter.

C. H. Eldridge and J. Hall (rec. 4-6), bye v. L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers (rec. 2-6), bye.

R. L. Moncrieff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15.1), bye v. Major C. Willson and N. L. Smith (scr.), bye.

J. N. Owen and E. E. Minnich (rec. 15), bye v. W. H. Coulson and T. W. Southam (rec. 4-6), bye.

S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3-6), bye v. R. G. Wilkerson and C. C. Barker (rec. 15.1), bye.

Second Quarter.

Major H. R. Edwards and Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 1-6), bye to meet winners of the following tie in the second round.

Capt. E. W. Morris and Dr. R. E. Tottenham (owe 1-6) v. H. G. Sheldon and J. T. Prior (rec. 15).

Dr. D. J. Valentine and A. W. Hayward (rec. 2-6) v. C. Blaker and H. S. Hills (rec. 5-6).

R. P. Moodie and H. V. Parker (rec. 5-6) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2-6).

J. R. Hinton and C. D. Wales (rec. 15) v. T. D. E. Pendered and G. Miskin (scr.).

M. W. Watson and Dr. J. C. Macgowan (rec. 15.2) v. H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3-6).

A. B. Raworth and T. H. King (owe 1-6) v. C. C. Stark and W. D. Brown (rec. 3-6).

R. M. Henderson and A. Breenley (owe 3-6) v. T. J. Price and E. R. Price (rec. 4-6).

Third Quarter.

W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 1-6) v. A. H. Crook and Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1-6).

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R. K. Valentine (scr.) v. Dr. D. J. Valentine (scr.), bye v. J. R. Wood and Hon. Mr. E. R. Hamifax (rec. 2-6), bye.

A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 4-6), bye v. G. P. Lammert and F. T. Orr (rec. 15), bye.

Capt. E. S. G. Howard and Lt. E. H. J. Larkcomb (owe 1-6) v. F. A. Redmond and L. Forster (owe 15.3).

Mixed Doubles.

First Quarter.

Major W. B. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson (rec. 3-6), bye v. Dr. J. R. Craig and Mrs. Craig (rec. 15).

Second Quarter.

L. M. S. Lloyd and Miss Bird (rec. 15.1), bye v. C. C. Stark and Mrs. Stark (rec. 5-6), bye.

Third Quarter.

Col. and Mrs. C. Russell Brown (rec. 5-6), bye v. Capt. E. W. Morris and Mrs. Walker (rec. 3-6), bye.

H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Miller (rec. 15) v. Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (owe 15.3).

Lt. Love and Miss Staple-Smith (rec. 15.2) v. J. D. Humphreys and Mrs. Hornell (rec. 15).

Fourth Quarter.

Capt. E. G. Howard and Miss Laird (owe 1-6) v. W. A. Nowers and Mrs. Remington (rec. 3-6).

H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. M. Hall (owe 1-6) to meet winners of former tie in the second round.

Lt. Smith and Mrs. Jolliffe (rec. 5-6), bye v. A. J. Hazeland and Miss Butler (rec. 15.1), bye.

A. B. Raworth and Mrs. Raworth (rec. 15), bye v. E. Gimble and Mrs. Grimble (owe 1-6), bye.

A. H. Crook and Mrs. Crook (rec. 15.3) v. E. J. R. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell (rec. 15).

HOME SOCCER.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS IN MID-WEEK.

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAY.

London, Feb. 16.
Principal football matches played to-day (home team given first):

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Sunderland 4; Birmingham 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Aberdeen 2; Rangers 1.
Dunfermline 4; Dundee 3.
Hamilton 3; Celtic 3.

SCOTTISH CUP.

2nd Round Replay.
Montrose 1; Broxburn 0.—Reuter.

RUBBER MARKET.

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Lunas 4.00
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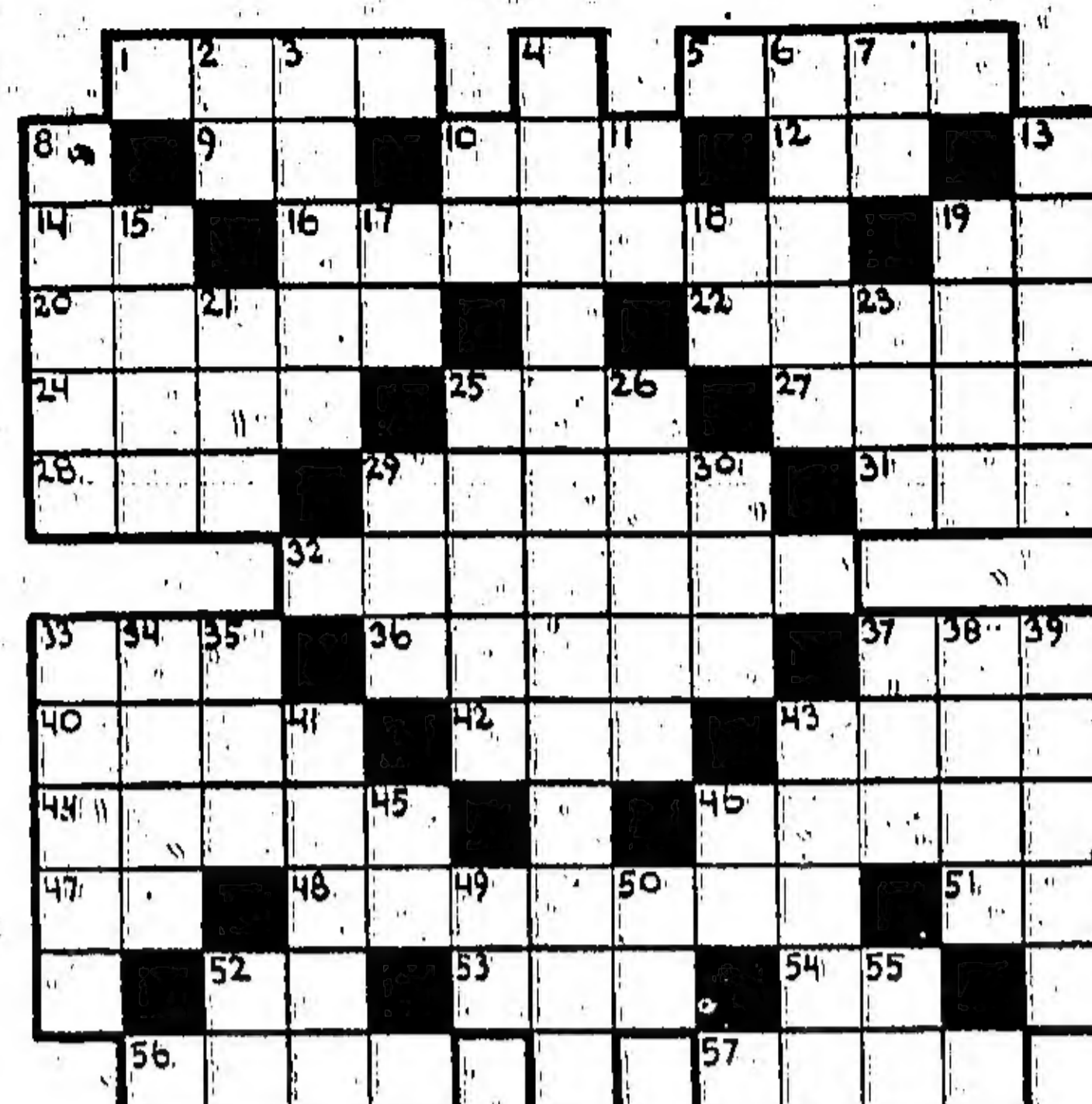
\$15,000 VANISHES.
Confidence tricksters at Birmingham robbed a New Zealander of \$15,000.
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Finally he was persuaded to embark on a big coup, but when he advanced the money the tricksters disappeared with it.

PUBLIC MONEY.

FINANCE MEETING OF COUNCIL.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-To lodge temporarily
2-To mutilate
3-Myself
4-Part of verb "to be"
5-Exclamation
6-From
7-Wait upon
8-A parent
9-Stringed instrument
10-The opposite one
11-Auditory organs
12-Boy's nickname
13-Clean time
14-French for saint
15-A title of nobility
16-A favorite
17-Summit
18-A watering place
19-Implant
20-Neph's son
21-Coal scuttles
22-Resinous substance
23-Package of bulky goods
24-Mountains in South America | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
25-Panor
26-Prayer's degree (abbr.)
27-Maska
28-Sunday school (abbr.)
29-Evacuation
30-Alex
31-Exists
32-Melody with words
33-Afresh
VERTICAL
34-Part of verb "to be"
35-Signifies
36-A misleading statement
37-Hurled
38-Interrogatory exclamation
39-Expectations
40-By
41-Prefix meaning "in"
42-Mark indicating omission
43-Authoritative command
44-Toward | VERTICAL (Cont.)
45-Perform
46-Only
47-Exist
48-A short leap
49-Parting to the Navy
50-Medicine for building one up
51-Fragment
52-Meat
53-Shadow
54-Pool
55-Find the sum of
56-Possessive
57-Swiss mountains
58-Musey
59-Battle in the Franco-Prussian War
60-Shallow vessel
61-Point of compass (abbr.)
62-Processed
63-Mountain (abbr.)
64-Negative
65-Exclamation
66-Point of compass (abbr.) |
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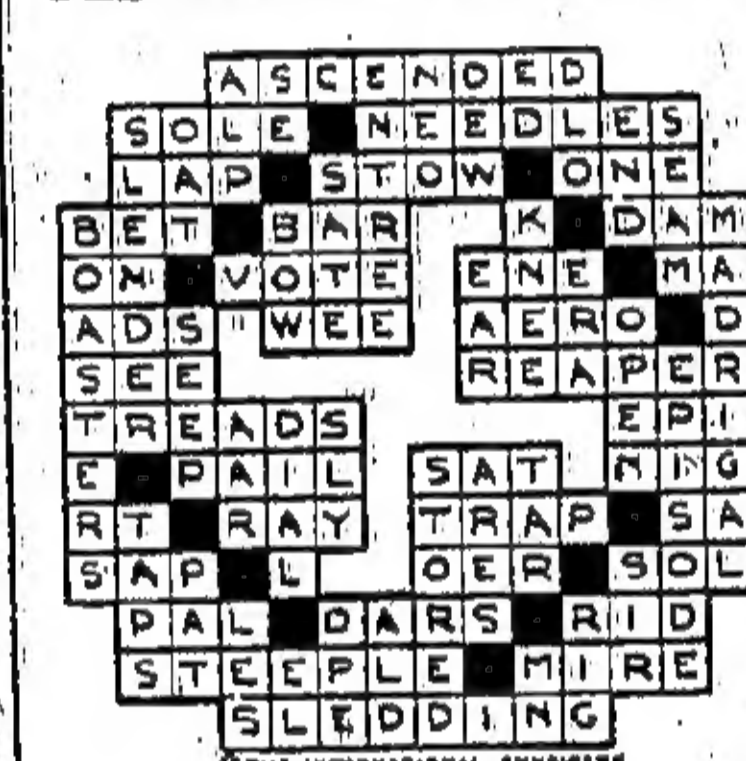
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter is placed in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

This very readable book which we can confidently recommend to students and lovers of history. "The Undying Race" by René Milan. International Library, 2/6 net.

"The Memories of Halide Edib" is the autobiography of one of the very few Turkish women whose names are publicly known either outside or in their own country. The volume reveals in vivid pictures the Turkish world during the last 40 years; and makes a special appeal at the present time to all who have sought for a clue to the inner history of Turkey since the Turk Party has risen into the notice. The book is well illustrated and is shortly to be published by Mr. Murray.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

THE "MISSING LINK."

ON THE TRAIL OF ANCIENT MAN.

On the Trail of Ancient Man: A narrative of the field work of the Central Asiatic Expedition by Roy Chapman Andrews, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 25/-.

Here at last we have the beginnings of what may grow to be a historical narrative by scientific authorities of the stratum of truth underlying the myths at the beginning of the Genesis. The great palaeontologist, Dr. Osborn, had come to the conclusion from his studies that the original home of the mammals of the world probably lay in Asia somewhere near the Mongolia desert; from there, too, man, the most recent and most important of the great mammals most probably also originated. These prophecies helped to lead Roy Chapman Andrews to plan and undertake the great expeditions, the fascinating account of which is given in this book.

The Garden of Eden.

The great basin of cretaceous deposits round the 'Flaming Cliffs' may be taken as the Garden of Eden. It was here the dinosaur's eggs were discovered, and here evidently in cretaceous and later times dinosaurs, titanosaurs, and many other of the beasts of the field played. No ice-age seems to have disturbed their pleasures. This of course was long prior to the appearance of man. But the place had evidently all the glow and charm of Eden about it. Even now after the millions of years of decay that have occurred since then, "the men said that against the sunset glow it surpassed anything of its kind that they had ever seen" (p. 179). What it must have been like in those far away distant eras we must leave it to the pen of the scientist to picture. "The fertility of Central Asia during the age of Mammals and especially during Upper Oligocene time when the giant rhinoceroses just described roamed over the country made this by far the most genial and attractive centre of life on the earth. It was a veritable Garden of Eden. It was probably not many thousand feet above sea-level—a plateau country with low 'gradient' traversed by meandering 'river courses'." (p. 200).

Adam: or the earliest man. Such a scene might naturally be looked upon as the cradle of our ancestry. "In the forests we shall find insectivores, bats and numerous rodents, and on the border 'line-between the forests and the savannahs we may look for the Primates, discovering among them, 'we hope, some of the anthropoid apes related to the human ancestor'." (p. 200).

What they actually did find were the artifacts of the Dene dwellers—flint implements of a palaeolithic people of about the Azilian culture stage. These people may have been the ancestors of some of the forms of palaeolithic man in Europe. No bones, however, were found—not even Adam's wisdom tooth.

The Hunting of Big Game. As one of the great objects of the expedition was the supply of big game for the American Museum of Natural History a great amount of time was spent in obtaining good specimens of the less easily obtained animals. The account of the hunting of these is very well told, and seems certainly to have been very exciting. Competitions between gazelles and an up-to-date Dodge car were the order of the day. The gazelle seems generally to have won. Dodge Brothers might name their newest and most perfect car Gazelle gutturosa.

It seems a pity that man was driven out of this hunter's paradise. But the members of this expedition found the conditions at times so trying, that even they would probably not have enjoyed it for ever. It seems to have been 'destined through climatic and other conditions of fate to be left to a dwindling Mongol population terrorised by bandits and the offshoots of Soviet Russia—the symbols of the flaming sword.

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VENICE—YESTERDAY.

The moon and stars and the soft night have set the stage; the gondola with old murmurs of sound moves between the lifting walls luminous with lighted window and pillar. The low, full staccato of the gondolier's spoken word melts into the high, sweet tenor of the song he sings in rhythm to the sway of his body. Unlaboured motion and untrammelled melody trail the dark waters where-in are reflected the gleam of a thousand lights.

Past storeyed piles of ancient masonry, carved, facades, scenes woven through history in a multi-coloured thread of events. Venice at night is at its kindest. To the wayfarer from the western world it is as if he moves in a dream. The streets teeming with hurrying pedestrians, swift, honking automobiles, clacking tram cars—streets awake and resonant with the energy, enterprise and high hopes of his own United States seem remote indeed. It is as if the yesterday of long ago became to-day and swept the delighted and beguiled traveller into a period of his own high fancies.

Venice, plucking the mandolin and guitar within its olden walls, Venice, with an element of romance wrought through even its workaday life; Venice, adroit on its winding canals, replete with the charm and beauty that time has not yet destroyed. The wayfarer gathers the sweets of the hour with a grateful sense of having experienced them; yet, a brief time later, he shakes himself free of its sort of wizardry with a warm, inflowing appreciation of his native land and a newly awakened desire to reach again its shores swiftly and soon.

CONDITIONS.

I have named, among many rivers that make music in my memory, that dirty Water of Leith. Often and often I desire to look upon it again; and the choice of a point of view is easy to me. It should be at a certain water-door, embowered in shrubbery. The river is there dammed back for the service of the flour-mill just below, so that it lies deep and darkling, and the sand slopes into brown obscurity with a glint of gold; and it has but newly been recruited by the borrowings of the snuff-mill just above, and these tumbling merrily in, shake the pool to its black heart, fill it with drowsy eddies, and set the curdled froth of many other mills solemnly steering to and fro upon the surface. Or so it was when I was young; for change and the masons, and the pruning-knife have been busy; and if I could hope to repeat a cherished experience, it must be on many and impossible conditions. I must choose, as well as the point of view, a certain moment in my growth, so that the scale may be exaggerated, and the trees on the steep opposite may seem to climb to heaven, and the sand by the water-door, where I am standing, seem, as low as Styx. And I must choose the season also, so that the valley may be brimmed like a cup with sunshine and the songs of birds;—and the year of grace, so that when I turn to leave the riverside I may find the old manse and its inhabitants unchanged.—Robert Louis Stevenson, in "Memories and Portraits."

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FICTION REVIEWS.

MABEL GRUNDY'S "THREE PEOPLE."

Of the "Three People" by Mabel Grundy, (Hodder and Stoughton) one is left in doubt as to which is the third of the trio until some few of the chapters have been enjoyed.

The author states a case for brotherly and sisterly devotion, as opposed to the love of a maid for a man. The sick brother's obsession proves a bar which seems insurmountable, but the climax, all though not too surprising, is well worked out and extremely satisfying.

The characters are well drawn and the life of a Swiss clinique, with its little personal wars and affections of the patients, forms an excellent background to a story which is interesting throughout.

"The Avenger," created by Edgar Wallace (John Long, Ltd.), to be a man of homicidal tendencies who decapitates his victims without apparent reason or motive, and returns the head to the Police with instructions as to where the body will be found, and you will appreciate the task the author tackles.

The secret service man engaged on the unravelling of the mystery becomes involved in the activities of a moving picture concern and there meets his sentimental fate. There is much movie wisdom and satire in this part of the book, but the tale proceeds with sustained interest.

The book is, in fact, a thriller from start to finish and makes no pretence of being anything else. The elucidation of the problem proves to be something entirely different from what the reader would expect.

There is a number of novelistic red herrings drawn across the trail and in spite of the fact that these are at times too obviously fishy, the tale has much to commend it. Mr. Wallace has again given his followers a narrative that is fully up to his reputation, along his own inimitable lines.

"Judge Not" by Cecil H. Bullivant (John Long, Ltd.), for the machinery of plot and counterplot creeps badly all the way through.

A ticket of leave man, freed after punishment for a crime he did not commit, lays his hands on a cool million pounds in bank notes, the results of years of undiscovered crime by the gang who were responsible for his indictment.

The money is never banked, but is carted about the country by hand, whereas there ensues train wrecks, submarine operations, and the blowing up of country houses by dynamite subsequent to extensive tunnelling, none of these events appearing to disturb the Police to any appreciable extent.

The most interesting part of the tale and something really new in fiction, is the finale, which finds the lovers united, the bad men eliminated, and the money safe. This is deserving of better treatment than the preceding 25 chapters give it. It is readable, however, but not much more.

THE UNDYING RACE.

Messrs. Stanley Paul have conferred a boon on the English reading public by offering them at a very reasonable price, excellently translated volumes of many of the world's masterpieces of action. "The Undying Race" by René Milan is no ordinary novel; indeed Novel, in the accepted sense of the word, is hardly the correct designation for this work seeing that it has no hero, no heroine, no plan, and no central incident. It is an Outline of History in miniature, resembling in some ways John Buchan's "Path of a King". In the first part the reader finds himself in Eastern Tartary 500 B.C. He sees the Chinese Court then, and in later chapters views the grandeur of Rome, the fall of Jerusalem, Attila—the Scourge of God—the finest part of the book, the Moors in Spain, the Crusades, the Evils of the Feudal System, the Hundred Years' War, the French Revolution, and the Dawn of Democracy. An immense amount of delving into the tomes and manuscripts of great libraries was necessary to produce

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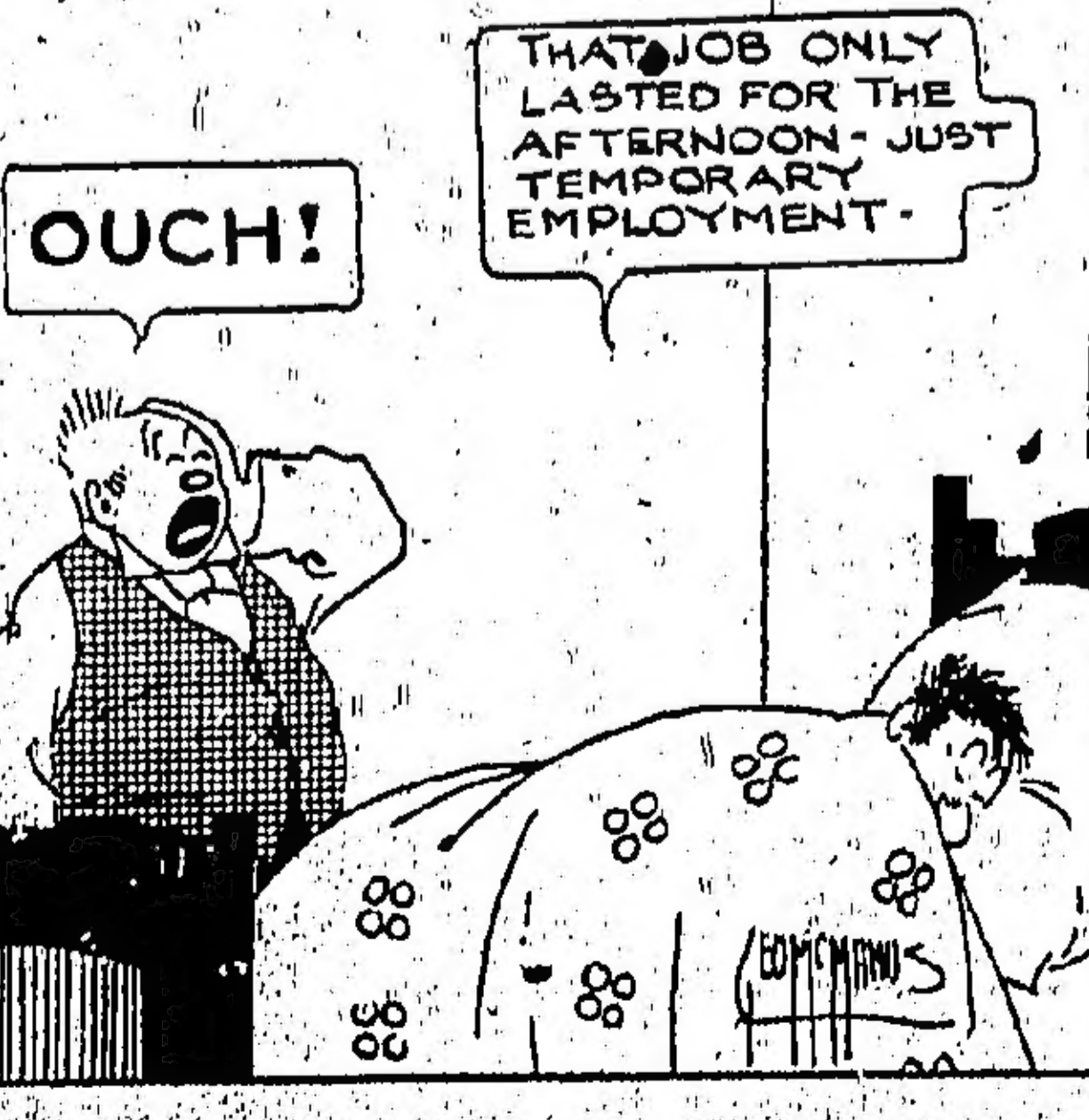
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**THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.**

Mrs. Wild, of Woodham Ferris, near Chelmsford, has died, aged 108.

A London commercial man named Frank Parker, aged 52, was found dead in a street excavation in Paris.

A British motor vessel passed icebergs off the coast of Argentina in the South Atlantic on December 17 and 18.

A doctor was unable to certify the cause of the death at his home, Western Villa, Hford, of Police-Constable Ernest Gross, aged 29.

Outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease have been confirmed at Neasden, Middlesex, and Rush-ton, near Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Twenty-eight cases of small-pox have occurred at Ashington, Northumberland, and two more cases are reported at Keighley, Yorkshire.

There were three railway accidents in Britain last year in which passengers lost their lives, and the total killed was 18, says the "Railway Gazette."

Mr. W. E. H. Walking, who for 44 years has been bandmaster at the Newport Market Army Training School, Greencoat Place, Westminster, has retired on a pension.

"An old-time dance, with old-time music and an old-time programme—no jazz," so states the invitation of Stoke-on-Trent Mayor's Charities Committee to a dance.

Alleged to have stabbed a boy with a knife during a fight, William Arthur Shillibear, 14, was committed for trial at Tower Bridge Children's Court on a charge of murder.

An eagle measuring six feet from wing tip to wing tip swooped down on a motor-car which was being driven on a country road in France, fell on the road injured, and was killed.

Mr. James Thomson, a Crimean veteran in his 88th year, died at Paisley, and Mr. George Millet, an Indian Mutiny veteran, aged 86, who was born in Shorncliffe barracks, Kent, has died in Winnipeg, Canada.

Miss Margaret Woodward, injured in the avalanche in Western Austria, when 8 persons were killed, has written to her parents, Sir Arthur Smith Woodward and Lady Woodward, that she is now well and able to walk about in the hotel.

About 800 miners, who have not yet been re-engaged at the Hill's Plymouth collieries, Merthyr Tydfil, are to receive unemployment pay as from November 13, subject to deduction of relief advances by Merthyr Guardians.

Said to be suffering from infantile paralysis, Herbert Crowley, 13, of Brooksbury Street, Barnsbury, N., was remanded at Clerkenwell for a medical report on a charge of seriously injuring his mother by hitting her on the side of the face with a bottle.

A bank balance of £1,065 in favour of Patrick King, aged 61, a general labourer, was mentioned at a Liverpool inquest. King died as the result of being knocked down by a motor-car, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned. It was stated that King came from the west of Ireland. A few weeks before he was charged with begging and was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

SPATS CAUSE MISHAP.

"The magistrates think you should not wear spats if they run you into this trouble and make you go on the wrong side of the road at great risk and danger to life," said Alderman Forder at Winchester to Leonard Barker, of Southampton, charged with driving a motor-car to the common danger.

A constable said that Barker suddenly shot across the road on to the wrong side, nearly knocking him down.

Barker explained that one of his spats caught on the accelerator and he had to swerve suddenly to avoid colliding with a car in front of him. Barker was fined £1.

IS IT HER SON?

Mrs. Newlove, of Hull, seeing the photograph of the deaf and dumb soldier who had been wandering in Holland, and whose name was believed to be Paul Horn, said she believed it to be that of her second son, William, who was reported missing in 1916.

At a salary of £1,250 per annum Mr. T. Thomas, who has been deputy-city engineer for 10 years, was appointed city engineer of Hull.

Told by a doctor at the age of 18 that she had only one lung, Mrs. Mary Garner, of Coningsby, Lincolnshire, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, has died.

When at Leigh, Lancashire, Thomas Heaton was about to be charged with cruelty to his wife, a solicitor, stated that Mrs. Heaton was found drowned in the canal.

Having always expressed the wish that death would not divide them, Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver, aged 72 and 68 respectively, of Ash Thomas, Halberton, Devonshire, died within an hour of each other.

Mrs. Baldwin Raper, formerly the wife of Mr. Baldwin Raper, ex-M.P. for East Fillington, was married at St. Marylebone Registrar Office to Colonel James Monroe Love jun., of the United States Army.



Crown Prince Michael, six years old, who may ascend the throne of Roumania owing to the imminent death of his grandfather, King Ferdinand. Michael became Crown Prince a few months ago when his father, Carol "the bad boy of the Balkans," was forced to abdicate.

Miss Isabel H. Bullock, Hamlet Cottage, Little Coggeshall, Essex, is organising a petition to be presented to the House of Commons to abolish the "Old Horse Traffic"—the sale of worn-out horses to the Continent.

Caught after a chase through a number of West End streets David Cohen, 23, of Wright's Buildings, Bermondsey, S.E., was remanded at Marlborough Street, charged with wounding two men with a razor in Dering Street, Oxford Street.

THE TEST OF A REMEDY

lies in its acceptance and employment by the qualified medical practitioner. No less an authority than Dr. Commander Andrea Amici, Physician to the Papal Household, writing on the subject of Anaemia, impoverishment of the Nervous System and the disorders attributable thereto, endorses the tonic of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, recommending them as superior to many other tonic media.

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A number of Army non-commissioned officers and men will be given a course of instruction in chiropody at Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot.

Charles Breed, 28, who was committed from West Ham on a charge concerning a boy, was at the Old Bailey found Not Guilty and discharged.

Dr. J. C. Bridge, a medical inspector, of the Factory Department, has been appointed Senior Medical Inspector of Factories, in succession to Sir Thomas Legge, resigned.

In daylight, thieves stole jewellery valued at between £300 and £400 belonging to Mrs. W. Constable (wife of an assistant director of the National Gallery), of Caversham Street, Chelsea, S.W.

To carry out new investigations into cancer treatment a grant not exceeding £1,000, to be reconsidered from year to year for the next five years, was made to St. Bartholomew's Hospital by the Grand Council of the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

There were 76 fatal and 2,045 non-fatal street accidents in Manchester last year, compared with 59 and 1,727 respectively in the previous year.

A Queen Alexandra lectureship in Danish is to be established at University College, Gower Street, W.C., as the result of the subscription of a capital fund of £10,000.

The destroyer "Salmon" and a tug went to the help of the naval seaplane S.1042 which came down in the Channel off Portland Bill with engine trouble, the crew being taken off and the seaplane towed to Portland.

The North German Lloyd Company state that the only foundation for the report that the Transatlantic steamers of the line will in future call at Galway is that a steamer of the company will make one call at Galway in May to land some passengers.

In commending Police-Constable Lyddon, of Bow Street, for driving into the Thames in an effort to save the life of a man who had jumped into the river near Temple Pier, the Westminster coroner, Mr. Oddie, said Lyddon was the kind of hero who made a habit of performing acts of bravery.

DYING CHILD'S APOLOGY.

"I am sorry, daddy, but I got out of bed. I won't do it again," said Francis Franks, aged six, shortly before he died at the German Hospital at Dalston.

He was found standing on the landing at his house in Fountayne Road, Stoke Newington, N., with his night-clothes in flames. An electric fire had been taken out of his room and a coal grate put in because he was suffering from bronchitis and he had apparently set his clothing alight at the open grate.

A verdict of Accidental Death was recorded.

BURNT AT THE STAKE.

Peasants in an East Polish village who caught a thief took the law into their own hands and sentenced him to be burned to death.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17	Per
Australia & Manila	17	Tango Maru.
Shanghai	17	Szechuen.
Europe via Suez, (letters & papers, London 20th Jan. & parcels 13th Jan.)	18	Mongolia.

From	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18	Per
Shanghai	18	Kalyan.
Straits	18	Hosang.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	19	Nyanza.
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Shanghai	19	Soochow.

From	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20	Per
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	20	Pres. Jefferson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	20	Shinyo Maru.
Japan & Amoy	21	Talma.

From	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21	Per
Straits	21	Kamo Maru.
Japan & Shanghai	25	Hakusan Maru.
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For	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17	Per	Time
Bangkok	17	Yuan On	3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	17	Wing Hung	4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	18	Mongolia	6 p.m.
Amoy	18	Kwangtung	6 p.m.

For	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18	Per	Time
Hohow Pakhoi & Haiphong	18	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Japan	18	Tango Maru	9.30 a.m.
Sourabaya	18	Tijlboet	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	18	Haiching	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	18	Delta	2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	18	Chinhua	2.30 p.m.
Tourane	18	Devawangse	5 p.m.

For	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19	Per	Time
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 19th March. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	19	Kalyan.	8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	19	Mingsang	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	19	Nyanza	10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon.	19	Namsang	3 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.	19	Glengarry	5 p.m.
Formosa	19	Hosang	5 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	19	Kalljo Maru	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	20	Kiansu	9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	20	West Hlmrod	10 a.m.
Holla & Cebu	20		

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LEAKING PARAPET.

Waterproofing Claim On Architect.

MR. LANE'S EVIDENCE.

The continued hearing this morning before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill in the Summary Court of the Texaco Company versus H. E. Lane case provided some humorous passages between witnesses and solicitors.

The case concerns a house (No. 4, Liberty Avenue) at Homuntin in connection with which Mr. Lane was engaged on certain additional work, and the roof of which the Texaco Co. treated with their waterproofing "Texacoat."

In view of certain leakages, payment has not been made of the \$145.50 for treating the roof and it is for this amount that the Texaco Co. claims.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong is for plaintiffs and Mr. F. G. Vaux for the defendant.

Mr. R. Chang, a salesman employed by plaintiffs, gave evidence this morning. At the beginning of May he accompanied Mr. Lane to the house in question and inspected the roof and parapet for the purpose of making an estimate for covering it with "Texacoat." There were numerous cracks in the top and side of the parapets.

A "Rushed" Job.

The roof consisted of Canton tiling cemented together and witness told Mr. Lane that the job could be done if the parapets were repaired where they were cracked. Mr. Lane told witness that the contractor originally building the house had absconded during the early part of the strike and that at the request of the owner he (Mr. Lane) had had to employ unskilled labour. The job had had to be "rushed through." Mr. Lane also told witness that the price as regarded the "Texacoat" had to be kept as low as possible.

Cross-examined by Mr. Vaux witness adhered to his statement that Mr. Lane had told him about unskilled labour having been employed. If Mr. Lane denied it or said that far from the job having been rushed it was proceeding slowly, all he (witness) could say was that he had spoken the truth.

Questioned by His Honour, witness said that he told Mr. Lane that the roof could be made watertight if the parapet cracks were put right.

Mr. D. G. Scott, district manager of the plaintiff firm, was recalled to speak as to certain plans. He had made a brief examination of the house in question and from what he had seen the roof was constructed on either of the two principles elaborated on in the plans produced. Witness enumerated works on which his firm had been engaged in roofing matters, including Government work and work on big buildings locally.

Cross-examined by Mr. Vaux witness admitted that in the works enumerated "Texacoat" was not the only material used as it had been in this particular case.

Mr. Vaux: You have already examined the house and you are unable to tell us definitely the principles of the roof construction. I put it to you that a qualified architect by inspecting a house could do so.

Witness: I would not deny it, but he would be a super-expert.

Underwear Analogy.

Witness added that he had a good idea as to what was there but he could not say definitely exactly what it was. For instance, he had a good idea that Mr. Vaux was wearing underwear but he could not be absolutely sure as to what kind without a practical example (laughter). If he could take the roof off the house he could tell definitely.

Mr. Vaux also put it to witness that if water came through the roof then (subject to the question of settlement, which had been raised) the only assumption was that in this case "Texacoat" had not waterproofed it.

Witness replied that the question of the cracked parapets came in. The outside of the parapets had not been treated with "Texa-

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CENTRE OFF KAMCHATKA.

Tokyo, Feb. 16. The Central Observatory has reported a heavy earthquake off Kamchatka, starting at 10.30 this morning and lasting four and a half hours.

The earthquake is considered as severe as the great Japanese earthquake of 1923.

Although it was not felt in Tokyo, Northern Japan experienced it slightly.

No casualties or damage, however, is reported there.—Reuter.

[Kamchatka is the largest peninsula of North-East Asia, stretching 850 miles to the South-West. It forms part of the maritime province of Siberia.]

NORWAY AND SIAM.

Geneva, Feb. 16.

Norway has lodged with the League of Nations for registration a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with Siam.—Reuter.

coat" but only painted. The inside had been treated with "Texacoat."

Mr. Alfred James Lane gave evidence for the defence and said that he was employed as architect by the witness who gave evidence previously. Witness did some alterations and additions to the house, building on two rooms, one above the other. He also altered in style the parapet along the frontage as it was rather ugly.

Rushed Canton Work.

The question of the roof not being satisfactory was raised, especially the new portion. It was at the end of the building boom and it was impossible to get tiles as good as previously. The kilns were working overtime to supply materials and tiles were drawn too soon at Canton, absorbing more water than the usual kind. They were, however, the only kind it was possible to get.

The work done on the house in question was first-class work. There was no ground for the allegation that had been made that the house was jerry-built. Even the old part of the house was of the same class of construction as other houses in Homuntin and the firm responsible would be "rather annoyed" if it was alleged that they were jerry-built.

Witness stated that there were two courses open to him in connection with this roof, either to take off the entire tiling and re-do it—an expensive proceeding—or to make it waterproof in some other way. It was whilst he was facing this quandary that he got into touch with the "Texacoat" Company.

"Architect Painter."

After the heavy rainstorm of July, witness, in consequence of complaint by the owner, visited the house and found that water had penetrated the house. Witness spoke to the manager of the plaintiff firm and later visited the house himself and applied an oiler coating of "Texacoat" from a drum which had been left.

Shortly after that time witness left the Colony for Manila and on his return he found another letter of complaint from the owner of the house. The roof was leaking again. Witness visited the plaintiffs and was informed that the manager had himself gone to visit the house. Witness then "washed his hands of the business" so far as the treatment of the roof with "Texacoat" was concerned.

Witness then drew a rough plan to enable His Honour to understand his (witness's) point that the parapets had nothing to do with the roof which was the subject of the action. The "Texacoat" treatment had certainly not done what the plaintiff firm had undertaken that it would do in this case.

His Honour indicated that he would visit the house this afternoon to clear his mind on certain points.

NOTICES.

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London, Feb. 16.

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American Bluejackets Sail.

Washington, Feb. 16.

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